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Archdiocese sex scandal case: A man testified that the now-defrocked priest at the center of the Boston Archdiocese sex scandal would wait for him in the bathroom with the lights off, pull him from catechism classes and rape and fondle him in the church pews, confessional

The man, now 27, recalled Wednesday how he saw Paul Shanley silhouetted against the hallway light, his hands outstretched in a priestly pose. He said the abuse began at age 6 and continued until 1989, when he was 12

Robert Blake trial: Robert Blake's handyman was afraid police were going to raid his apartment after the actor's wife was found shot to death, a witness testified at Blake's murder trial in Los Angeles

The handyman, Earle Caldwell, had left town before the May 2001 shooting death of Bonny Lee Bakley, according to his former girlfriend, Lisa Johnson. She said Caldwell

called her the day after the shooting. "He wanted me to go to his apartment and remove his computer, all of the paperwork on his desk, notes on a bulletin board and some sweat shirts," Johnson told jurors Wednesday. "He was afraid police would serve search warrants and he would lose his nossessions

Gay custody battle: A woman whose daughter was adopted by her former lesbian partner has lost a court battle to regain custody in Houston.

The Texas Supreme Court declined Friday to hear a request by Julie Ann Hobbs of Galveston to dismiss a lawsuit filed in May by Janet Kathleen Van Stavern for joint custody and standard visitation of the 6-year-old girl

Hobbs and Van Stavern were together for eight years, ending in February 2004. Hobbs conceived the girl through artificial insemination and gave birth in 1998.

A court date regarding Van Stavern's request for joint custody and standard visita-tion is set for April 4.

Michael Jackson trial: The prosecution wants jurors in Michael Jackson's molestation trial in Los Angeles to have their own screening of a British television documentary about the pop star, a show that the defense denounced as "heavily edited in the

most sensational fashion possible."

Broadcast in February 2003, "Living With Michael Jackson" was the trigger for an investigation leading to Jackson's child molestation case. It contains footage of Jackson holding hands with the child who has alleged he was molested by the enter-

New BTK evidence: A package purportedly tied to the RTK serial killings was found after a local television news station received a postcard directing it to the scene, a television station reported.

The Wichita, Kan., station KAKE-TV broke into its afternoon programming Tues-day to air footage of a cereal box leaning against a traffic sign along a road, but did not disclose its contents at the request of police

The postcard mailed to the station had ne name "S. Killett" and the address of BTK's first victims, the Otero family, writ-



Schwarzenegger approval ratings: California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, right, shakes hands while visiting the PATH Residential Service Center, near downtown Los Angeles, on Tuesday. A survey from the Public Institute found 60 percent of Californians favor the way the Republican governor is doing his job, but 49 percent of Democrats disapprove. Six in 10 independent voters still give Schwarzenegger high marks, but the number of independents who disapprove of him has almost doubled, from 18 percent last year to 32 percent.

ten on the return address. KAKE reported

Paid columnists: President Rush ordered his Cabinet secretaries not to hire columnists to promote administration agendas after disclosure that a second writer had

been paid to assist an agency "All our Cabinet secretaries must realize that we will not be paying commentators to advance our agenda," Bush said at a news conference. "Our agenda ought to be able to

stand on its own two feet." Bush's remarks came a day after syndicated columnist Maggie Gallagher apologized to readers for not disclosing a \$21,500 contract with the Health and Human Services Department to help create materials promoting the agency's \$300 million initiative to encourage marriage.

Three-strikes sentence: If she were a prosecutor anywhere else in California, San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris wouldn't get a second look for using the state's tough "three-strikes" law against a man who spent more than six years in prison after setting his 6-year-old son on fire.

But with Charley Charles, formerly known as Charles Rothenberg, heading to trial Thursday on weapons-possession charges that could send him to prison for life, Harris faced a battle against the social climate in one of the nation's most tolerant

Charles' case is also watched because of his past. When he was known as Charles Rothenberg, he soaked his son with kero-sene and set him ablaze in a Southern California motel amid a custody dispute with the boy's mother. The boy, David, survived but suffered third-degree burns over 90 percent of his body.

Suspended judge resigns: Concord, N.H., Judge Franklin Jones, suspended for groping five women at a conference last year, resigned hours after a committee emphatically recommended that he not get his

job back "I wish to again express my apologies to those who have been impacted by my inappropriate conduct," the Rochester District Court judge said in a letter to Gov. John

World

Lynch and other state officials.

Than memorial service: China said Thursday it will hold a weekend memorial for ousted Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang as authorities kept a tight watch on activists in an apparent effort to stem any public com-

The "body farewell ceremony" will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday at Babaoshan Cemetery in Beijing, the main cemetery for rev lutionary heroes, said a Chinese Cabinet official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said foreign reporters are barred from the event, which has a lower status than a state funeral.

Trouble in Sudan: The U.N. envoy to Sudan on Thursday called for the immediate release of three Sudanese employees of an American Christian aid agency who

were abducted last month in South Darfur. The workers, well-drillers of the Mary land-based Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, were captured at gunpoint on Dec. 16, the aid agency said.

Weapons ban in West Bank: The Palestinian leadership banned civilians on Thursday from carrying weapons, its latest step aimed at reining in militant violence, as the Palestinian leader said he was awaiting Israel's response on a proposal for a mutual cease-fire declaration.

If enforced, the ban on weapons would be a strong move against militant groups, whose gunmen often openly brandish their automatic weapons in the streets of Gaza and the West Bank

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Everyone loves a parade



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SpongeRoberta, more commonly known as Aviano Elementary School kindergarten teacher Raissa Kowalski, leads a group of children Thursday in the annual Carnevale parade outside the school.

Kowalski's class joined kindergarteners from Carol Rushing's and Laura Janese's classes to walk, bike or pull wagons full of stuffed animals back and forth along a route lined with older classmates and parents.

Smog leads Vicenza officials to limit downtown traffic for 1 week

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

Vicenza is taking the unusual step of restricting traffic in its downtown area for one week in an attempt to cut down on air pollution in the northern Italy city.

Air pollution is worst in the first three months of the year because of changing weather patterns and increased emissions from home heating systems.

Communities are mandated by Italian law to take steps when there's too much smog, and those steps often involve limiting car traffic. Vicenza — a city of about 115,000 that's home to the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) and a community of about 7,000 Americans - has decided that from Wednesday until Feb. 8 only emergency vehicles, taxis, and buses can drive in the older

The restrictions don't include places such as Caserma Ederle or any other installations with Americans on them, but Americans who live, shop or eat in the downtown area will be affected

The city's mayor, Enrico Hüllweck, has vowed in local papers that he will be walking to work as well. According to a report by Agence France-Presse. residents have also been told to keep their thermostats at 20 degrees Celsius (68 Fahrenheit) during the period to reduce furnace

Vicenza had already decided to restrict driving in the downtown area on Thursdays and Fridays through the end of March

The city is far from alone in try-

ing to combat pollution by limiting cars. Milan, Florence, Venice, Verona, Turin and just about every other city of any size in the north of the country has some kind of restriction in place limit-

ing traffic

In past years, some cities have restricted traffic by license plate, allowing those with even numbers on even days and odd numbers on odd days.

Others, such as Milan, prohibit all traffic on certain days of the week, such as Sundays,

Those staying at hotels in the affected areas are still generally allowed to park their vehicles where they're staying. But drivers of all nationalities might not get to drive where they want to, depending on local circumstance

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Welcome back home, Daddy

Pfc. Kelly Westfield. of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 95th Military Police Battalion, based in Mannheim, greets his 2-year-old daughter, Sadé, with his wife, Shannon, Thursday afternoon in Mannheim, Germany. About 90 members of the headquarters staff returned from Iraq this eek. The 230th Military Police Company, part of the 95th Military Police Battalion, is expected back to Kaiserslautern next month.





Navy to alter sailors' evals

Job performance to carry more weight than testing

BY SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Strines

NAPLES, Italy - Sailors soon will see some major changes that will impact both their wallets and the way they're judged for promo tion, the Navy's top personnel of-ficer told sailors Thursday at Naval Support Activity Naples.

The service is changing how sailors' performance evaluations and promotions will be handled, which won't happen tomorrow might be a reality within a year, Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing said during a morning all-hands meetwith sailors from south ern-Italy bases. Hoewing is winding down a European tour of bases.

Leaders evaluating sailors' ac-complishments will put more emphasis on their day-to-day job per-formance rather than on criteria such as time-in-grade, time-inservice and "test-taking strate

gies," Hoewing said. But the latter criteria still will be considered.

Sailors who might be highly proficient in their jobs but horri ble at taking tests and thus penalized, for example, will fare better under the change. A pilot pro-gram already in place mirrors the system used for flag officers, who are judged heavily on their job performances. Hoewing discussed the chang-

es during two all-hands meetings — the first for sailors E-6 and below and the second for those and higher.

The lower enlisted sailors were a much feistier group, asking pointed questions on a variety of topics ranging from the Navy's plan to merge ratings, training and promotion opportunities, retirement options, and how to qual-

Petty Officer 1st Class Marilyn Gellegani praised the idea of per-formance-based evaluations.

ify for bonuses.

"I think it's fair. Sailors who are motivated, those who do things to improve themselves, go to school, do extra off duty — they will be recognized," she said. "I really like it. It will motivate people to compete with each other. We're moving to a very competitive Navy, and those who help themselves will be the ones to advance, and those who don't are going to be behind in the race."

Capt. Jeff Landis, spokesman

for Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, said officials have not made or discussed major changes to the Marine Corps' promotion system, but do consider job performance as a major factor when making those decisions. Corps officials have made minor adjustments to the system in recent years, like updating fitness requirements and increasing the value of professional military education when consider-

ing promotions, Landis said.
The Air Force uses a point sys-

tem for enlisted promotions, ac cording to Capt. David Small. Points are awarded for time in grade, time in service, test re-sults, decorations, and performance reports.

While performance reports are "heavily weighed" in the promo-tion process, Small said he could not immediately quantify percentage that represents in an airman's total score

Army officials were not available to comment on their ser-vice's enlisted promotion process. In Naples, Hoewing also said the Navy is broadening its Selective Re-enlistment Bonus pro-

gram, upping the bonus amount for some ratings and including oth-ers that before were not eligible. The Navy has faced challenges getting sailors in hard-to-fill jobs such as nuclear specialists, spe cial operations, and explosive ordnance teams, he said.

The service is considering raising the maximum SRB payout from \$45,000 to \$60,000 for a six-year re-enlistment commit-ment for Navy SEALs, and also considering expanding the SRB to ratings such as aviation boatswain's mate and damage-control hull technician, said Lt. Kyle Raines, a Navy Personnel Command spokesman.

The Navy also is merging ratings, or jobs, to make broader cat-egories and give sailors more career opportunities while cutting down on redundancies. Hoewing

But Petty Officer 2nd Class Tim Wittner said he was concerned that sailors already proficient in one rating will be penalized if ratings merge, especially if tested on material for promotions in skills they didn't perform before ratings were combined.

Adequate training would be provided to get sailors proficient in all duties, Hoewing said. The performance evaluation changes would help lessen any impact of the merg-es, he said, because test scores

won't be as heavily considered.

In other topics, he said the
Navy would like some latitude when it comes to retirement quali-fications. Last year, Congress denied the Navy's request to change the retirement eligibly require-ment, which by law requires all servicemembers to serve a minimum of 20 years to qualify for retirement benefits.

But as technology improves "some skill sets are not going to be needed in the 21st century," he said, but couldn't provide any specific examples.

Instead of keeping sailors in for the sake of keeping them until the 20-year mark, or having them get out without rewarding a decade or more of military service, Navy leaders want leeway to offer retirement opportunities at, say, 12 or 15 years of service, he said.

1-4 Cavalry soldier honored in Schweinfurt

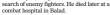
BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes

When a job needed doing, Sgt. Kyle Childress always stood up and led

He headed the sniper team for the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment. manned

the gun on his Bradley fighting vehicle and led the house assault teams more than 150 times during his 11 months in Iraq.

On Jan. 21, Childress' leadership cost him his life. A man opened fire from inside as he led his platoon into a house in Ad Duluivah, Iraq, in



Friends from the 1-4 Cavalry's rear detachment gathered Thursday at an Army chapel in Schweinfurt, Germany, to remember a man they described as quiet and tough, a soldier's soldier.

"Anyone in this unit and the men of his platoon would tell you when the going gets tough, it is a blessing to have Kyle around, said Staff Sgt. Bradley Shadden, a 1-4 Cavalry soldier who served with Childress in Iraq until he was wounded. "His bravery was unmatched.

where he graduated from high school in 1994. Five years later he enlisted in the Army, where he trained as a scout. He served with the 3rd Infantry Division before moving joining 1-4 Cavalry's Troop A in mid-2002. He deployed to Iraq with the unit last February.

Shadden recalled Childress' arrival at 1-4 Cavalry, where he stood out because he said so little

"He was one tough nut to crack," Shadden said

He let few people get close. When he did speak, friends said, he made it count. He might offer a pungent joke or a blunt criticism, but he chose his words carefully and didn't sweat the small stuff.

In a tribute read at the service Childress platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Garcia, told the fallen soldier what he ould remember most about him

"You kept us laughing with your no-non-sense approach to life, and you made it clear about how you felt when we had to accomplish something that did not make total sense," Garcia said

"You would say 'That's [expletive].' But you would still pack it up and get you and your men ready, no matter what. You always got the job done.'

Childress' superiors said he had a gift for soldiering. He could learn any battle skill quickly and well. He led more than 1,000 hours of urban combat operations



Spc. Jeff Cullison serves as an honor guard, while soldiers line up to pay their last respects to Sgt. Kyle Childress, who was killled last week in Iraq.

"He was capable of doing lots of tasks to Keith and Nancy Childress, a brother, a high level of expertise," said Capt. Cory Mack, his troop commander, in remarks read at the service. "On raids he normally served as the No. 1 man - the most dangerous position - in the four-man stack. He did this because he was the best at it."

Childress is survived by his parents,

Jason, a sister, Gretta, and his German fiancée. Kerstin Beck.

He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal and the Good Con-

Memorial honors Aviano AF officer

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Strines

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy -Friends and community members gathered Thursday to remember a 27-year-old Air Force officer who died in an automobile accident last week. Second Lt. Donval V. Brooks

leaves behind an active-duty husband, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Brooks, and two young children. The youngest child, Nicholas Antonio II. was born Jan. 9 - just 12 days before the fatal accident. Mai. Richard Nolan, command-

er of the 31st Contracting Squadron, gave an emotional tribute to one of his airmen.

"Her untimely death has rocked our squadron," he said. "It's simply too hard to put into words what she meant to us."

Aviano was Donyal Brooks' first assignment after earning her commission. She had entered the Air Force after graduating from high school in 1995

She met her future husband at a newcomer's briefing at Beale Air Force Base in California. The couple were married in 2000, and Dominique Antoinette, now 4, was born later that year.

Donval left the service after her tour ended with the goal of



Mourners sign a placard bearing the picture of 2nd Lt. Donval V. Brooks during a memorial service Thursday at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Brooks died in an automobile accident Jan. 21, leaving behind an active-duty husband and two young children.

getting a college degree and re-entering as an officer. "She worked hard, impressed

her bosses and earned a two-year ROTC scholarship," Chaplain (Maj.) Jimmy Sanders told about 200 people gathered in the base chanel

Sanders said by graduating from Charleston Southern University - while her husband was stationed at Charleston Air Force Base - Donyal Brooks achieved a goal partially inspired by her grandfather. John Evans served for more than 30 years before retiring as a technical sergeant. He originally joined the Army Air Corps that eventually became the Air Force

Staff Sgt. Beth Caporaletti, a member of the 31st Communications Squadron with Nicholas Brooks, said Donyal was an inspiration for her hard work and desire to better herself.

"Donyal was such a good role model for women." she said.

"One for everyone really, but women especially."

Caporaletti visited her in the hospital a few weeks ago and was surprised by how quickly she apneared to recover from giving

"I just feel that I was so blessed to have her influence in my life, Caporaletti said.

Donyal Brooks was born Oct. 6, 1977, in Columbia, S.C. Her parents. Darnell and Virene Evans still live there. A memorial service will be held in Columbia before Brooks is buried in Tacoma Wash

A memorial fund has been established at Global Credit Union Donations should be made payable to the "Donyal Brooks Memo-rial Fund." Donations can also be made in

care of the 31st Contracting Squadron: 31CONS/LGC Unit Box 140 APO 09604-2140.

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Italy unions explain why strikes called off

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By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Italian labor union officials called off two planned work stoppages after U.S. officials agreed to sit down at the negotiating table, said a labor union representative in southern

Italy.
"We didn't solve our problems and we're still angry with the Americans, but we canceled the

strikes hoping that the [upcom hoping ingl meeting will be the solution to our problems," said Biagio Mon-tefusco, a union leader who repre-

sents Italian employees who work at bases in the Naples region and south in Naval Air Sta-tion, Sigonella, Sicily

"Once they said they would have a meeting we didn't think it was logical to

strike. It is not logical to have people lose more money," he said. Workers are not paid for the hours away from their jobs when they strike.

A meeting between Italian labor union leaders and representatives of the U.S. Joint Civilian Personnel Committee is planned for Feb. 18 in Rome.

The "JCPC welcomes the opportunity to increase communications with unions representing the Italian work force as well as continue to explore opportunities for addressing mutual concerns, said Rondy Wave the force civilian personnel director and chairman of the JCPC in Italy

A JCPC, made up of U.S. offi-cials from the various military services, is established in each country where U.S. forces have bases and employee local nation-

Last Friday 44 Once they said hundreds of Italemployees they would have went on strike in the first of what were planned strikes, marching bring attention to growing complaints such as inadequate adequate pay and pensions and strike. It is not nending layoffs. logical to have Two more stoppages people lose more planned.

About money. local nationals work on U.S. mili-Biagio Montefusco tary facilities in Italy, and are rep-Union leader resented by one

of two unions Italian workers say they are seeking improvements to pension plans, want a pay scale that mirrors their American counterparts' general schedule pay scale, which also rewards good work, and a stop to the planned elimination of 123 positions throughout Italy.



MICHAEL ARRAMS/Stars and Strings

The Stars and Stripes newspaper press in Griesheim, Germany. Starting Feb. 8, Stripes will contract out the printing that is currently done at its Furonean headquarters.

Stripes contracts out printing

Economics cited; Europe edition's content, deliveries won't be affected

BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Strines

GRIESHEIM, Germany - Stars and Stripes is turning over the printing of its daily newspaper in Germany to an outside contractor

After more than 55 years of printing the news, the paper will shut down its print plant that serves troops in Germany and some other parts of Europe by Feb. 8 Printing of the paper will be assumed by Frankfurt-area contractor Hurriyet, a subsidiary of the Turkish Dogan Group. Hurrivet will replace Stripes' production staff of about 40 employees.

"The reader shouldn't notice anything. either in delivery time or content," Publisher Thomas Kelsch said Thursday

Kelsch told newspaper employees during meetings this week that while circulation in places such as the Middle East has been on the rise, copies sold in its once-core market of Germany have plummeted

He attributed the drop to the drawdown of troops that began in the early '90s and, more recently, the deployment of Germany-based troops to the Middle

"The problem with that low circulation

as it relates to this operation is that so many of our costs are fixed," said Kelsch, reading from a statement. "It takes approximately the same number of people to run the presses whether we're printing 100,000 copies or 10,000 copies. Eventual ly, it reaches the stage where it simply is not economically feasible to maintain our own press and staff for such a small press

According to Stripes' circulation department, the European and Middle East editions print about 79,000 copies per day. Including the Pacific edition brings the newspaper's total circulation near 94,000 copies per day.

Remote print sites and contractors already operate in Kuwait. South Korea. Iraq, Afghanistan and Italy, leaving the daily output of the Griesheim plant around 14,000 copies. About 10,000 paid copies go to the shrinking German readership, and the rest to Belgium, Britain, the Balkans, the Netherlands and several smaller markets.

The current Stripes press was installed in 1996, but the facility has been in use since Sept. 27, 1949. The paper had continuously printed throughout World War II. but didn't move into its current European headquarters until a few years later.

The timing of the closure shocked press employees, who today are split about evenly between Americans and Germans. Many Americans were part-time workers, Kelsch said, while the Germans tended to be career employees. There had long been talk of lavoffs and a closed press, but workers were shocked at the announcement's timing.

"It's been out there for over a year. Of course they informed us, but the timeline kept changing," said Astrid Herbert, head of the Stripes' work council. "That's been very hard on the employees, ... The real problem is that we have a work force where people have been employed for 20, 25 years — at least."

Kelsch said he regretted the decision, but said he believed there was no alterna

"I feel very strongly that these workers who are long serving, 20-plus years, they've been so valuable to us that it's really been painful to reach the end of the road with them."

He said that the production workers yould receive "everything you are entitled to" in terms of severance.

He said there would be no effect on other departments of the newspaper.

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GAO report points to Pentagon waste

BY CHRISTOPHER LEE The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The U.S. government's biggest department is also one of the most prone to waste, fraud and abuse, raising concerns about the effectiveness of many of its programs, according to a new report by the Government Accountability Office.

The Department of Defense accounts for eight of the 25 federal programs, functions or offices that appear on the GAO's 2005 "high-risk" list. Two of its functions — inventory management and weapon systems acquisition - have been on the list of problem pro-

grams since 1990. This is unacceptable and should not be tol-

erated," Comptroller General David Walker said Tuesday at a news conference. He was joined, in sentiment and at the lectern, by several lawmakers, including Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., George Voinovich, R-Ohio, and Daniel Akaka D-Hawaii; and Reps. Tom Davis, R-Va. and Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Walker noted that the Pentagon also has several other programs that landed on the list, a compilation of the biggest managerial trouble spots across the federal government issued by the GAO every other year. He said the department's failure to turn around many of the problem areas "results in billions of dollars in waste each year and inadequate accountability to the Congress and the American taxpay-

Areas of concern at Defense include financial and contract management, the personnel security clearance program, management of military bases, and modernization of its computer systems, the report found

Cheryl Irwin, a department spokeswoman, said Tuesday that officials need time to study the report before commenting. "We are certainly reviewing it. "It's a little bit premature at this time for us to have a full response.

New to the high-risk list this year is a government-wide problem of ineffective sharing of information related to homeland security.

The report cited the "slow pace" of informa tion sharing between fingerprint databases at the Department of Homeland Security and the Justice Department. It also said that inconsistent agency policies and overlapping sets of data would impede efforts to consolidate information from 12 terrorist and criminal watch

systems maintained by nine federal agencies.

The report's findings "essentially say to us that we haven't achieved the homeland security the law requires us to achieve," said Lieberman, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Af-fairs Committee, "... The risk here is to the perfairs Committee. sonal security of the American people at

The GAO did say that information sharing has improved since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Congress created Homeland Security to serve, among other things, as a repository for information.

Lawmakers said the report provides a guide for agencies to improve and, in some cases, an indication of where Congress should step in with legislation

Defense policy undersecretary Feith resigns

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - A principal architect of the Defense Department's postwar strategy in Iraq announced Wednesday that he will leave his post this summer.

Douglas Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy, said he is leaving for personal reasons, citing the desire to spend more time with his four children. "For the last four years, they haven't seen me a lot." Feith said Wednesday.

Feith is a longtime Washington lawyer and part of a group of neoconservative foreign policy experts known for strong support of Israel and who had long-held aspirations of unseating Saddam Hus-

Supporters have praised Feith and the group, which includes former Reagan defense aide Richard N. Perle, for their willingness to take risks to confront autocracy in the Middle East and for eir hard-line position against giving up Israeli-held land to the Palestinians.

Detractors have Feith for being unrealistic about the cost and outcome of invading Iraq and have asserted that he played a critical, behind-the-scenes role in exaggerating the



Retired Army Gen. Tommy R. Franks,

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mander of operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, called him "the stupidest guy on the face of the Earth" in his recent book. Feith and Franks tangled often, including over a proposal to train 5,000 Iraqi soldiers to be interpreters

and guides during the war. Feith said Wednesday "controversy about important national security issues is to be ex-pected. That's part of the job." He counted as his greatest achievement his work in devising the Pentagon's overall counterterrorism strategy, including that used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

'I don't have any definite plans, he said of his post-Pentagon life. "I just have some no-tions."



U.S. troops hike Iraq election security

By CHRIS TOMLINSON

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - U.S. soldiers around Baghdad stepped up operations Thursday ahead of the Iraqi election, moving to forward positions around the capital until the end of balloting while toughening security at their main bases, a brigade commander

Hundreds of soldiers assigned to the Louisiana National Guard's 256th Brigade moved out from Camp Liberty, located near Baghdad's main airport, to take up positions at the smaller bases scattered around the city ahead of Sunday's vote.

U.S. troops will not be positioned at polling sites - Iraqi forces will be on guard there. But deploying more troops outside of the main, heavily guarded bases will enable them to respond quickly if needed by Iraqi forces, said Brig. Gen. John Basilica.

GIs move to forward positions, base security upped

'We're hoping to enable the Iraqi security forces to be successful in defending the polling sites so their countrymen can said Basilica, the commander of the brigade. "It's a critical time for them."

At the same time, security at the main U.S. bases will be ratcheted up to protect support troops from attack, Basilica said.

Altogether, about 300,000 Iraqi and multinational troops will provide security for the vote with Iraq's U.S.-trained forces taking the lead role

The Iraqi Defense Ministry said Thursday it would deploy an additional three battalions, or 2,500 troops, to help guard the elections.

Insurgents have promised to disrupt the voting with car bombings and other attacks, and U.S. and Iraqi officials have warned of increased violence in the days ahead of the vote. The election is for a National Assembly that will govern the coun-

try and draft a permanent constitution. On Wednesday, Basilica's troops got a taste of what may be in store for them as election day nears. Insurgents fired mortar rounds at an Iraqi police station where a company of American military police are based in the suburb of Saba Al-Boor, north

of Baghdad Four shells fell near the station, each one etting progressively closer to the Iraq police and U.S. soldiers barricaded inside a targeting technique known as "walking up" the fire. Within minutes, Apache at tack helicopters were overhead.

A patrol from E Troop, 101st Cavalry, which was in the town when the mortars

fell, sent troops to look for the Iraqi mortar-men. But as happens in most attacks, the insurgents fled before U.S. troops could find

In this case 2nd Lt Shaun Joyce and other officers were concerned that a spotter in the town was directing the fire, which could be intended to set the stage for a more accurate attack later, perhaps on

election day.

Two of the mortars fell on brick homes. blasting holes in a wall and a ceiling. One girl was killed and six other civilians were seriously wounded, U.S. medics who treated them said. The wounded were flown to a military hospital by U.S. medical evacua-tion helicopter.

Soldiers in the field have been given lists of suspect vehicles to stop and search.
They also have names of suspected militants, but catching them is enormously difficult in a metropolitan area of more than 8 million people.

Insurgents bomb Iraqi school slated to be polling centers

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Eleven Iragis and one Marine were killed Thursday as insurgents clashed with U.S. troops and blew up a school slated to serve as a polling center - pre-election violence that followed the deadliest day for U.S. troops since the war's start. Another U.S. soldier died in

The Marine was killed and five others were injured when insurgents launched mortars at their base near Iskandariyah, about 30 miles south of Baghdad.

In the capital, U.S. and Iraqi troops clashed with insurgents on Haifa street in the center of the city, witnesses reported.

The attacks came after the deadliest day for U.S. forces since the Iraq war began nearly two years ago: 30 Marines and a Navy sailor died when a helicopter crashed in bad weather in the western desert Wednesday, and six other U.S. troops were killed in insurgent ambushes [see related stories on Page 81.

Attacks have increased ahead Sunday's national elections, when Iraqis will choose a



An Iragi school keeper removes school records from the rubble after an explosion Thursday in Baghdad. Eleven Iraqis and one Marine were killed in election violence Thursday as insurgents clashed with U.S. troops and blew up a school slated to serve as a polling center.

275-member legislature and provincial councils across the country in the first balloting since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein. Sunni Muslim militants have vowed to undermine the elections, fearing victory at the polls by the Shiite Muslim majority.

Three Iraqi civilians were killed Thursday in a house in Samarra 60 miles north of Bagh. dad, when a car bomb exploded nearby, said Alaadin Mohammed, a doctor at the local hospi-

Hours later, mortar shells fell on a designated polling station in Samarra, police said. Also in Samarra, armed men

blew up a school administration

staff to leave, said police Lt. Qassim Mohammed. The destroved building had been scheduled to be a voting center Sunday.

Sporadic clashes also erupted in Samarra between U.S. troops and armed men, killing one Iraqi civilian and injuring another, Mohammed said

In Kirkuk, insurgents attacked seven polling stations with mortars and machine guns and opened fire on a police patrol, killing one po-liceman, authorities said.

A suicide car homber struck a U.S. military convoy near the northern city of Beiji, witnesses said. There were no reports of ca-

Another three Iragis were killed and seven injured when a roadside bomb missed a U.S. convov in Mahmoudiya. 20 miles south of Baghdad, according to

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the area's hospital director, Da woud al-Taie.

Near Tikrit, a roadside bomb killed one Iraqi bystander and narrowly missed another passing U.S. military convoy, police said. The attack happened on a road

near Saddam's hometown, about 80 miles north of Baghdad, said police Lt. Shalan Allawi. And in Ramadi, another Iraqi National Guard soldier was killed

when insurgents attacked a joint U.S.-Iraqi force guarding a voting center at a school, said police Lt. Safa al-Obeidi. The body of Talib Minshid, a colonel in the former Iraqi intelligence under Saddam, was found

in Baqouba, according to a hospital official, Mohammed Ali. Minshid had been abducted by armed men two days ago. A U.S. soldier died Thursday of

gunshot wound on a base near Tikrit in what the American mili-

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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,416 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,080 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three mili-

tary civilians.

The AP count is 39 higher than the Defense Department's tally last updated at 10 a.m. EST Wednesday.

The British military has report ed 76 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark

El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Rush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,278 U.S. military memers have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 971 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- A soldier died Wednesday from an explosive in Baghdad.
- Thirty Marines and one sailor died Wednesday when their helicopter crashed near Rutbah, Iraq while conducting security operations.
 - One soldier was killed

Wednesday when a patrol was attacked with grenades near Dulu-

- Four Marines were killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar prov-
- The latest identifications re-ported by the Defense Department and family members
- Marine Lance Cpl. Tony Hernandez, 22, Canyon Lake, Texas; died Wednesday when his helicopter crashed near Rut-bah, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Ma-rine Division, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton,
- Calif Army Sgt. Brett D. Swank. 21, Northumberland, Pa.; died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries from an explosive; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.



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Nation mourns helo crash victims

Virginia loses four 'brothers'

LYNCHBURG, Va. - Four Marines from a combat engineering company were killed and four injured during an ambush on the deadliest day in Iraq for U.S.

The four were killed in Irag's Anbar Province and were among 36 American troops killed in Iraq on Wednesday. Thirty-one were killed in a Marine helicop ter crash in the western desert.

Cant Jamie Wagner of Company C, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, on Thursday identified the dead as: Sgt. Jesse Strong, 24, of Albany, Vt., a student at Liberty University in Lynchburg; Cpl. Jonathan Bowling, 23, of Stuart; Cpl. Christopher Weaver, 24, of Spotsylvania; and Lance Cpl. Karl Linn, 20, of Chesterfield

"The Marine Corps is truly a band of brothers and we lost four brothers from this company," Wagner said. "But we continue to do our jobs and continue to carry on as Marines.'

Company C. part of the 4th Combat Battalion based in Baltimore, was activated in June 2003, Wagner said, and left for Iraq in September 2003. They were to return home in the



Courtesy of Linn of the family/Al

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Karl Linn of Chesterfield, Va., poses with his rifle at his base in Iraq's Anbar Province, Linn was killed in an ambush on a convoy he was riding on Wednesday near Hadithah, Iraq.

A reporter embedded with troops, Jim Dolan of WABC in New York City, said the four were killed when insurgents ambushed a Marine convoy leaving the town of Haditha, northwest of Baghdad, hitting a vehicle with a rocket-propelled

Wagner, senior active duty adviser with Company C, identified the injured as: Cpl. Charles Gentry, Cumberland, Tenn.; Sgt. William Meyers of Mooresville, N.C.; and Lance Cpl. Mark Miller of Bedford. Each was hospitalized with minor injuries, Wagner said, Cpl. Timothy Franklin of Lynchburg was also treated for

California military town stung by deaths

The Associated Press

OCEANSIDE, Calif. - This seaside military town reacted with grief and resolve Wednesday at the news that 31 servicemembers were killed when a transport helicopter crashed in the deadliest single incident yet for U.S. forces in Iraq.

"It's terrible, but it comes with the territory," said Carl Dreibelbis, 52, an Oceanside native who served in the Navy and said members of his family have fought in every U.S. war since the American Revolution.

"I'm afraid that when people hear this, their inclinations will be to retreat. But I say charge," Dreihelhis said

Some of the victims were members of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego Further details were withheld pending notification of families

The crew chief onboard the helicopter, Lance Cpl. Tony Hernandez, deployed to Iraq last summer and was scheduled to return to Camp Pendleton in March. said his father, Leroy Hernandez, of Canyon Lake, Texas.

He said he last spoke with his son on Sunday. "He said it was cold, that he

didn't like the weather, that he was working his butt off — the usual gripes," Hernandez said. "He didn't say a lot because he didn't want anyone to worry

Hernandez said his son tried to ioin the Marines after he graduated from high school but was rejected because he was too heavy. After visiting with a recruiter again he was soon running hard and dieting to trim nearly 25 pounds off his frame. He had lost another 20 pounds by the time he finished Marine boot camp in California.

'We went to his graduation and we almost didn't recognize him, Hernandez said.

He said his own memories of fighting in the Vietnam War weighed heavily on him after his son deployed to Iraq.

"I knew [the war] was going to escalate — it was pretty much guaranteed," he said. "Unfortunately, it's the young kids who end up paying the price."

Crash killed 27 Marines based at Kaneohe Bay

The Associated Press

KAILUA, Hawaii - A sudden

and painful reminder of the war

in Iraq hit this state with word that 27 Marines from one base had been killed in the worst loss of Hawaii-based troops since Pearl Harbor.

All but three of the 30 Marines and one sailor killed when a heliconter crashed Wednesday in a desert sandstorm had been deployed from the Corns base at Kaneohe Bay, according to Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii.

"We are particularly feeling the effects of the war Hawaii."

Akaka said in a statement from his Washington of-"My heartfelt

thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies go to the families of each Marine '

The crash shook the Windward Oahu community near the hase as residents awaited the names of the dead, "Your heart just sinks," said Bobbie Jerome, 34, whose Marine husband has not been deployed to Iraq.

The Kaneohe Bay base is under the operational control of the 1st Marine Division at Camp

Kaiserslautern

Calif. Some of the victims also were based in San Diego. While the Marines come from

Pearl

hometowns across America. no single military attack or accident stands out as hitting Hawaii harder since the 1941 attack on

Harbor that left 2,390 peo-

ple dead and 1,178 wounded. The crash dramatically in. creased the death toll of servicemen with Hawaii ties in Iraq and Afghanistan to 78, including 43 Marines from

the Kaneohe hase. In Oceanside. Amber Warlock, 31, a former Marine whose husband is a Marine

pilot currently stationed Camp Pendleton, said she was stunned when she heard about the crash on tele-

"You hear about people dying every day in ones and twos," she

said. "But 31 is just too much to comprehend." Back in Kailua, Lee Bowman,

25, a Navy medic who served in Iraq last year, said of the vic-tims: "My heart goes out to them. I feel it's going to be hard to replace them

Associated Press writers T.A. Badger in Texas and Michelle Morgante in Califor-nia contributed to this report.

Rumsfeld dismisses story on **GI** levels

BY PATRICK DICKSON Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - Defense WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Wednesday dismissed a media report that said the Army would not reduce troop numbers in Iraq at least through 2006.

Speaking after a House Armed Services Committee meeting, Rumsfeld said it would be "a misunderstanding to characterize" statements made by Army Lt. Gen. James Lovelace to mean the service had firm plans to keep the force at present levels.

The Washington Post re-

ported, and Stars and Stripes subsequently printed, a story that said the Army expected to keep its troop strength in Iraq at about 120,000 soldiers for at least two more years.

The Post quoted Lovelace as saying, "We're making the assumption that the level of effort is going to continue." But asked if he agreed with

the assessment, Rumsfeld said it was routine planning for multiple scenarios "It certainly was not an as-

ssment of any kind, and he said that very explicitly, if I'm not mistaken," Rumsfeld said. "He said that the Army has

to plan, it has to look forward, and it looks forward one, two, three years. And what they do is develop an assumpti

"And so they said for the sake of argument, assume you kept the same level of forces there over that period, how would we meet that? "Then they do various sensi-

tivities; they say what if it's more, what if it's less? Then they say, 'How would we deal with that situation?' "

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Sgt. David Tramill of Kaneohe,

Hawaii, reflects Wednesday on

the news that 30 Marines and

one sailor were killed in a

helicopter crash in Iraq.

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STARS STRIPES

U.S. troops ready dozens of polling stations in Iraq

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO
Stars and Strings

RAMADI, Iraq — American combat engineers and infantry-men occupied dozens of polling stations throughout Iraq early Thursday morning so they could fortify them with concrete barriers, search for bombs and prepare them for possible insurgent attacks in the run up to Sunday's elections.

In Ramadi, where insurgents and American troops have clashed on a near daily basis, members of the 1st Battalion, S03d Infanty Regiment and the 44th Engineers Battalion — both of which deployed with 2nd Infanty Division units from South Korea to Iraq last fall — took several locations throughout the city.

Working under cover of darkness, huge tracked-recovery vehicles moved concrete barriers into blocking positions, while engineers and soldiers laid out several layers of concertina wire.

"We are going to harden the outer perimeters and provide a secure place for the residents of Ramadi to vote," said 1-503 commander Lt. Col. Justin Gubler, earlier in the day.

At one polling station, a relatively new train station in Ramadi, soldiers arrived around 1 a.m. to begin transforming the largely-abandoned facility into a protected area.

Squads of soldiers swept the buildings for bombs and weapons while other teams set up security measures outside. By around 5 a.m., most of the work was done, and some of the soldiers grabbed a few hours of sleep.

"We got done a little earlier than we thought, so the guys will be able to get a little rest," said Capt. Marco Ferrara of Company D, which will guard the polling station until election day.

By morning, members of an Iraqi Special Police Commando had joined the unit. Under agreements with the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, only local forces will be inside the actual polling stations during the elec-

All told, more than 100,00 Iraqi soldiers and 150,000 U.S. troops will help provide security throughout the country on election day. In other Iraqi cities, insurgents have attacked or destroyed polling stations.

Ramadi was no exception

By morning, insurgents had located the troops. U.S. and frag officials did not plan to amounce the locations of polling places until around 48 hours before the vote. But as day broke Thursdy and the soldiers finished up with the security measures, the crisp snap of a few incoming bullets whized overhead. In the distance, gunfire and explosions could briefly be heard coming

from other quarters of the city.

By mid-afternoon, the soldiers at the polling station were receiving mortar and rocket-propelled grenade fire. They fired back with machine guns and grenade rounds of their own.

U.S. and Iraqi patrols, using the polling stations as new temporary staging locations, then went into Ramadi to conduct patrols.

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Kidnapping plan foiled by U.S. soldiers in Iraq

By JASON CHUE

BAGHDAD — Soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment's scout platoon foiled a kidnapping attempt of eight Iraqis in Baghdad's Kadhimiya district Wednesdav.

A Ministry of Oil administrator and a few sheiks were among those rescued. Five kidnappers were taken into custo-

The soldiers were patrolling Wednesday night when platoon leader 1st Lt. Jeff O'Dell decided to set up a traffic checkpoint — called a TCP by the soldiers — off a main road.

The 10th Mountain Division

soldiers had searched a handful of cars when a van came around the corner into the checkpoint relatively fast, said platoon member Spc. Joshua Edwards.

"He took the corner doing about 30 — that was odd," he said. "He came to a dead stop and started to back up at the same speed."

The soldiers forced the vehicle to stop by aiming their weapons at it, then went up to the vehicle

Soldiers noticed people bound

and blindfolded in the back. The drivers explained by saying they were government security forces and those in back were their prisoners.

When Staff Sgt. Steven Johnson got to the van and started speaking to the driver and passenger, one of the captives spoke up.

"When one of the sheiks heard my voice, he started calling for help," he said.

The soldiers separated the kidnappers from the others, eventually escorting all of them back to their base camp. A search of the five kidnappers and vehicle uncovered four pistols, an Ak-47 assault rifle and a sub-machine gun fitted with a silencer, according to a military press release.

Sgt. Carl McCauley said that the soldiers were surprised at the night's events. "At first, I was like 'holy [expletive]," he said. "I looked around and thought 'What the hell just happened?"

"We've run hundreds of TCPs," Edwards said. "We've found stuff, but nothing that's a big deal. We got lucky."

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IN THE WORLD

Europe gets slammed by big winter storm

By WILLIAM J. KOLE
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Winter's full fury arrived late but with a vengeance across much of Europe on Thursday, dumping snow that played havoc with Switzerland's famously efficient trains and gave Rome and the Mediterranean island of Mallorca a rare white blanket

Heavy snow stranded Ukraine's new president, Viktor Yushchenko, in Poland and forced him to cancel a much-anticipated trip to Brussels, Belgium, for his first address to the European Parliament.

A plane carrying mail from Romania to Hungary crashed in snowy weather near lasi in northeastern Romania early Thursday, killing the two Hungarian pilots, authorities said. In the city of Sibiu, meanwhile, a pilot aborted a takeoff to Munich because of a snow-clogged runway. Whipped by high winds, snow blanketed

Whipped by high winds, snow blanketed northern and eastern Romania, closing several highways and cutting power to about 14 villages in the county of Harghita.

More than five feet of snow isolated areas of north and east Albania, and the government said it would send in food and army machinery to open blocked roads.

In Austria, authorities closed key highways to truck traffic Thursday after more



A man clears the snow from his car windscreen Wednesday in Budapest, Hungary, after heavy snow blanketed most of Europe.

than 200 big rigs became stuck along with hundreds of cars, some still fitted with sum-

In Vienna, about 12 inches of snow fell, the most on a Jan. 27 since 1969, the Central Institute for Meteorology and GeodyWith classes canceled at many schools, students lugged snowboards up into the Vienna Woods, which were blanketed by snow for the first time since early December.

In Germany, heavy snowfalls added a thick layer of fresh snow to the Upper Bavaria region Tuesday night.

In neighboring Slovakia, heavy snowfall continued Thursday, tying up traffic throughout the country, and in the Czech Republic.

Heavy snow storms isolated 13 villages in southwest Hungary and made numerous roads impassible, state-run news agency MTI reported Thursday.

Rome awoke to a light blanket of snow which settled on car roofs and in parks in the higher parts of the city. The rare snowfall in Italy's capital held up commuter trains coming into the city.

In central France, heavy snow shut down numerous schools as well as a stretch of highway. Nationwide, a cold snap broke the previous record for electricity consumption set in January 2003 as chilly homeowners turned up their thermostats. In Paris, shelters scrambled to make more space for the homeless.

In Switzerland, winds of 107 miles per hour were clocked on the peak of La Dole in the Jura mountains north of Geneva, creating blizzard-like conditions.

Heavy snow blocked roads and isolated hundreds of mountain towns in central and northem Spain. More than 1,000 people were trapped overnight on a major highway in the province of Bargos and were temporary housed in sports complexes, police said.

Death toll at 14 in Thailand boat accident

The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Rescue workers found the bodies of two Americans and several other people Thursday, bringing the death toll to 14 from the capsizing this week of a tourist boat that overturned on its way back from a beach party in southern Thailand.

Also found were the bodies of an Australian, a Briton, a Swiss citizen and a Thai, officials said.

The search continued for an Australian man who was still missing in the Gulf of Thailand offshore the island of Koh Samui following Tuesday's accident, police said. The speedboat passengers were returning to their hotels from a full-moon party

on Pha-Ngan island when it capsized in the dark at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, about 3 miles from Koh Samui's pier. Authorities still weren't sure how many

Authorities sum weren't sure now many were aboard the boat when it sank. But the 30-foot boat was thought to be carrying up to 50 people — more than the 30 it was designed to hold.

The skipper, Samran Rungruen, fled the scene and later surrendered to police on Wednesday, blaming a mechanical failure for the accident. But authorities said an investigation would be conducted.

Survivors, world remember Auschwitz

BY VANESSA GERA The Associated Press

BRZEZINKA, Poland — As candles flickered in the snowy, winter gloom, world leaders and Auschwitz survivors Thursday remembered victims of the Holocaust on the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp.

The ceremony, which opened with the recorded rumble of an approaching train, was held on the spot where new arrivals were brought in by rail to the vast camp and put through "selection" — meaning those few who were deemed able to work were separated from the rest, who were

taken immediately to the gas chambers.
"It seems if you listen hard enough, you can still hear the outcry of horror of the murdered people," Israeli President Moshe Katsay said.

Joining in the commemoration were Vice President Dick Cheney, and presidents Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland, Vladimir Putin of Russia, and Jacques Chirac of France. German President Horst Koehler sat on the platform without speaking in recognition of his country's responsibility for the Holocaust, in which 6 million Jews died during World War II.

Barbed wire and brick barracks stretched as far as the eye could see. The ruined crematoriums loomed nearby, all covered with a layer of fresh snow.

Girl Scouts brought blankets to elderly survivors sitting in the freezing cold. "For a former inmate of Auschwitz, it is

an unimaginative and overwherming elinotion to be able to speak in this cemetery without graves, the largest one in the history of Europe," said Władyslaw Bartoszewski, a survivor who later became Poland's foreign minister.

Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz and the neighboring camp at Birkenau, or Brzezinka in Polish, on Jan. 27, 1945. Some 1.5 million people, most of them Jews, had died at the two camps from gassing, starvation, exhaustion, beatings and disease

Other victims included Soviet prisoners of war, Poles, Gypsies, homosexuals and political opponents of the Nazis.

"We think of the suffering of our brothers, of the special ties that link us, Poles, with the Jewish nation," Kwasniewski

Putin compared the Nazis with the terrorists of today. "Today we shall not only remember the past but also be aware of all the threats of the modern world. Terorism is among them, and it is no less dangerous and cunning than fascism." Survivor Franciszek Jozefiak. 80. said

efforts to educate new generations about the Holocaust should be strengthened. "The message today is: No more Auschwitz," Jozefiak said.

"But the world has learned nothing so far—you see they are fighting and killing each other everywhere in the world. Today they are saying a lot because of the anniversary, but tomorrow they will for-



Mel Mermelstein, a death camp survivor, lights a candle at Auschwitz, where world leaders gathered Thursday to remember victims of the Holocaust on the 60th anniversary of the camp's liberation.



Tsunami may bring political change Wealthy

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Wars, economic chaos, and natural disasters have often served as catalysts for fundamental political changes and last month's tsunami may be another such harbinger of such a shift

The tragedy that hit Aceh province is pushing forces for change in the separatist-torn region, where tens of thousands have died in decades of fighting between government troops and rebels, analysts say

"Both the rebels and the government side realize the catastrophe could present a unique opportunity to end the war," said Damien Kingsbury, senior lecturer at Australia's Deakin University. "The military is now the only organization blocking a settlement.

In the first indication that the dynamics of the Aceh conflict may have changed radically. the rebels and the government have agreed to meet behind closed doors in Helsinki, Finland, on Friday to hammer out a cease-fire. A high-level Indonesian delegation will be headed by top security minister Widodo Adi Sucipto, the government said.

A previous truce between the two sides collapsed in 2003, when hard-line generals opnosed to the neace process arrested rebel negotiators, kicked out international observers. and launched a massive offensive that has killed more than 2,500 people.

Following the tsunami, thousands of foreign soldiers, aid workers and journalists poured in after years in which the region was a zone of military operations off limits to foreigners. The Acehnese cause is likely to benefit from the scrutiny the disaster has brought to the conflict long known as "Indonesia's forgotten

The presence of the international community is also making it possible for Indonesia's al-

Indonesian refugees to be moved from camps

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia - Indonesia wants to move all 400,000 refugees out of squalid camps in Aceh province by the end of February, the head of the country's relief operations said Thursday, as workers rushed to build temporary homes in an area hardest hit by the tsunami.

The government estimates that 100,000 families in the province - one of the country's poorest regions, on the northern tip of Sumatra island - lost their homes in the Dec. 26 quake and tsunami.

sure the generals to accept a peace process.

"Now Jakarta has to put the genie back in

the bottle, and that's not going to be easy.

said Jeffrey Winters, an Indonesia specialist

at Chicago's Northwestern University. "This

is a major transformation that has happened

torture and collective punishment of civilians.

They say most of the victims of the fighting

have been villagers caught up in army

Mediators involved in the cease-fire talks in

50,000

Despite a 10-1 numer-

Indonesian

ical superiority, the

troops and paramilitary

police in Aceh have so

far proved incapable

winning the war, which

has become a drain on

have accused the Indo

nesian army of being re-

sponsible for execu-tions, disappearances,

Human rights groups

Jakarta's finances.

due to the tsunami?

About a third are expected to move into barracks, while the remainder will likely stay

But Budi Atmaii, who is leading the government's relief effort, said he hopes all the refugees will opt for the government-funded hous-ing, at least for the first year, because it would make food distribution and census-taking easi-

with relatives, officials say.

"It's critical to put all the internally dis-placed people in barracks, where we can serve them better rather than them being in tents," Atmaji said.

would like a formal truce. Such a cease-fire would be followed by final-status negotiations in which the separatists would give up their 130-year dream of independence in exchange for wide-ranging autonomy.

"If we agree to terminate the conflict based on the special autonomy status, I will give some concessions to them," Yudhoyono said, adding that these would include an amnesty for the rebels and measures to reintegrate

But rebel leaders will be unlikely to accept that, the mediators say, except possibly on condition that free elections are held for a regional government. Indonesian rule is widely detested in the province of 4.1 million people and any free vote is likely to result in a landslide for the separatists.

Meanwhile, government ministers from tsunami-ravaged Asian nations plan to meet on the badly damaged resort island of Phuket. Thailand, on Friday and Saturday, assessing needs as they plan for a proposed tsunami early warning system in the Indian Ocean.

Also, Japanese troops landed in Banda Aceh on Friday. The troops aim to fill in the gap in left when U.S. forces scale back their re-

urged to help in Africa

The Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland - The world's richest man, one of its most visible social activists and the British leader put a sharp focus on the horrors facing Africa's poor on Thursday, saying the planet's indifference to the suffering has been scandalous.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has made Africa a focus of his leadership of the G-8 this year, said the continent's plight is "a scar on the conscience of the world," and questioned whether the global community would allow such poverty to persist anywhere else in the world.

"I almost think if what was happening in Africa today as we speak was happening in any other part of the world, there would be such a scandal and clamor that governments would be falling over themselves to do something about this," Blair said.

Bill Gates, who has amassed an estimated fortune of \$48 billion as founder of Microsoft, said most of the disease and despair on the continent would be easily prevent-

able if resources were applied.

"The fact that we don't apply the resources to the known cures or to finding better cures is really ... the most scandalous issue of our time," he said.

Gates recently pledged \$750 mil-lion to support immunization programs in developing countries.

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ing," he said, adding that the International Monetary Fund said profits of organized crime syndi-cates constituted "two to five per-

EU justice chief looks to quell rise of gang violence

BY CONSTANT BRAND The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The European Union's top justice official said Thursday that crime gangs and Mafia mobs were spreading throughout the EU at an alarming rate and he proposed cracking down on them with a united effort from the 25 member nations

EU Justice and Home Affairs Commissioner Franco Frattini wants to set minimum jail terms for leaders and members of crime gangs and streamline definitions of criminal organizations to make prosecution easier and more effective. Frattini cited statistics from the

EU police agency Europol, which said that in 2002 the number of criminal gangs rose to around 4,000, "implicating 40,000 crimi-nals," from around 3,000 in 2001. Frattini said he expected a

'spectacular increase" for 2003 and 2004, although he said he had not yet received final statistics.

Financial resources of organized crime are terribly increascent of total gross domestic product in Europe

The proposals will need to be approved by EU governments be-

fore they can take effect. The rise has been highlighted in recent months by growing public panic in Italy over a gruesome wave of Mafia slayings in Naples.

A mob turf war that has claimed more than 130 lives last vear has terrified

city and led to an emergency police clampdown. Frattini's proposals on organized crime would set mini-

Frattini

terms of 10 for vears crime-ring leaders and set a four-year minimum sentence for others involved in the gangs.

mum prison

Plans to set up a criminal records database is sure to face criticism from privacy advocates and EU countries that fear such a database could abuse the rights of

Germany has in the past objected to such database sharing.

IN THE STATES

Oil co. to cut refinery emissions

Suit settlement also requires ConocoPhillips to pay \$4.5M fine

BY MARK SHERMAN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - ConocoPhillips will install \$525 million in pollution controls at nine refineries and pay a \$4.5 million fine to settle a federal lawsuit alleging Clean Air Act violations, the Bush administration announced Thurs-

The settlement requires ConocoPhillips, the nation's third biggest oil company, to reduce yearly emissions of nitrogen oxide by more than 10,000 tons and sulfur dioxide by more than 37,100 tons. Both can cause respiratory ailments and worsen cases of childhood asthma.

The refineries covered in the agreement among the company, the Justice Department, Environ mental Protection Agency and five states, represent 10 percent

of the nation's refining capacity.

The refineries are in Califor-

nia Illinois Louisiana New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington. California and Washington are not part of the settlement, Justice Department offi-

The settlement is the 13th reached under an EPA initiative egun in 2000. EPA officials have said the earlier agreements have cut air pollution by 200,000 tons a year at 48 refineries.

The money for pollution control will be spent over eight years and is just shy of the largest settle ment reached over the past four years, a \$550 million agreement with Motiva Enterprises

In addition to the pollution controls and civil penalty, Conoco Phillips will spend another \$10 million to further reduce emissions at its refineries in the five states that are part of the settle ment. The agreement was filed in U.S. District Court in Texas and still requires the approval of a federal indge

Calif. gay pair's case key

SANTA ANA, Calif. - A legal challenge by a gay couple from suburban Orange County against laws banning same-sex marriage has suddenly become key in the thin field of litigation on the issue.

Christopher Hammer and Arthur Smelt plan to be in U.S. District Court on Thursday as their attorney argues that the federal law, as well as California's Proposition 22, are violations of civil rights.

California recognizes only marriages between a man and a woman, and the Defense of Marriage Act allows states to disregard gay marriages performed in other states and foreign coun-

Ohio worker kills boss

TOLEDO, Ohio - An auto worker wired a shotgun to his body and burst into a Jeep assembly plant, killing a supervisor and wounding two other employees before killing himself.

The alleged gunman, Myles Meyers, had met with plant offi-cials to talk about a problem with his work the day before his fatal spree Wednesday at a Jeep Liberty Plant, authorities said.

After entering the plant Wednesday, Meyers pointed the gun at a woman in the plant's body shop office and ordered her to summon three others, police Chief Mike Navarre said.

One of the three men. Michael Toney, was shot and wounded. Supervisor Roy Thacker, who was on the list of three, was killed after he went to the office on his own, while a third man who was not on the list. Paul Medlen, was wounded later, authorities said

Stored chemicals ablaze

GRANDVIEW, Wash. — Offi-cials evacuated 100 homes and closed a 13-mile stretch of highway after a building used to store farm chemicals caught fire, fill-ing the air with contaminated smoke.

A half dozen people complained of skin irritation or respiratory distress and sought treatment at a nearby hospital, said Lt. Jim Keightley, State Patrol spokesman.

From The Associated Press

Calif. man charged in rail deaths

By PAUL CHAVEZ The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Calif. - The suicidal man who authorities say caused the chain-reaction train derailment that killed 11 people has been charged with multiple counts of murder and could face the death penalty, the district attorney said Thursday. Juan Manuel Alvarez, 25, left his sport utility ve-hicle on a railroad track Wednesday after chang-ing his mind about committing suicide, authorities said. He was held without bail at a hospital's jail

ward after apparently slitting his own wrists and stabbing himself in the chest In addition to the 11 dead, a woman remained missing and nearly 200 people were injured.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve ey said prosecutors filed charges late Wedn day for 10 counts of murder with "special circumstances" of committing murder through a train derailment. Under state law, the allegation makes Alvarez eligible for the death penalty. Cooley said the complaint would be amended to add another count to refer to the 11th victim, found in the wreckage late Wednesday night.

Prosecutors were evaluating Alvarez's mental state in regard to the special circumstance allega-tions, but Cooley said it was no defense to the

"His despondency doesn't move me," the dis-trict attorney said. "The mere fact that he was a little upset or despondent doesn't mean he has a defense for anything."
Alvarez's state of mind, while not providing a

motive, could show his intent to commit a crime, Cooley said. Arraignment was planned for Thursday after-

noon but could be delayed depending on Alvarez's medical condition Alvarez got out of his green Jeep Cherokee be-

fore two commuter trains crashed in this Los Angeles suburb. He stood by as the gruesome chain-reaction wreck scattered wreckage and bodies over a quarter-mile of track. The crash was the worst S. rail tragedy since 1999

Alvarez's estranged wife, Carmelita Alvarez, had ordered him out of her Compton home months ago, her family said. In December, she obtained a temporary restraining order keeping him away from her, their 3-year-old son and other family members

The wounded Alvarez was under suicide watch but was listed in stable condition, and Sheriff Lee Baca said Thursday on CBS' "The Early Show" that Alvarez "was rather astounded himself as to what the outcome was."

Associated Press writers Robert Jablon and Laura Wides contributed to this report.

Massachusetts snow in the record books



When the Boston area saw 5 more inches of snow Thursday morning — two days after John McDonald's attempts to clear ice from a friend's car, in Hull, Mass., with a rubber hammer, above — this month became Boston's snowiest on record. Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney asked President Bush to declare a federal emergency in the eastern half of the state Thursday, only days after Bostonians saw a blizzard dump more than 3 feet of snow. Logan Airport's January total is 43.1 inches of snow, more than in any month since the National Weather Service began keeping records for the city in 1892.

Medical-records upgrades sought

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - President Bush said Thursday that the medical industry is behind the times, using paper and pen for many records and prescriptions when computerized records could reduce cost and errors.

"Most industries in America have used information technology to make their businesses more cost effective, more efficient and more productive. And the truth of the matter is, health care hasn't." Bush said during a forum at the Cleveland Clinic. The White House announced that it will

propose that the federal government spend \$125 million in next year's budget to test computerization of health records. The government is spending \$50 million on this in the current budget year, and Bush is also asking Congress to double that amount for 2005.

The Cleveland Clinic has been helping the government develop standards for computerization and Bush heard from doctors who oined him on stage to praise the technology. The hospital uses the Internet to give patients second oninions online for cancer. heart disease and other conditions and also provides health information aimed at eliminating the time and expense of hospital vis-

But for every hospital making advancements like the Cleveland Clinic, there are many that still use the old-fashioned paper methods.

Bush campaigned on the issue last year. He said his goal is for a majority of Ameri-cans to have computerized records in 10

Bush said he is sensitive to privacy concerns. "I presume I'm like most Americans. I think my medical records to be private. I don't want people looking at them, I don't want people, you know, opening them up un-less I say it's fine for you to do so," he said.



this Sunday

Terror tip hoax poses notification questions

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.

Hoping to take advantage of

alert eyes along the nation's highways, the government is

trying to enlist more truckers

The Alexandria, Va.-based

Highway Watch, started by the

American Trucking Associa-

tions in 1998 and funded since

2002 with homeland security

money, focuses on safety and

Spokesman John Willard

He said

said the volunteer program has

received a total of about \$40 million and "all 50 states have

Highway Watch continues to

Besides looking out for poten-

tial threats, such as a tanker

truck parked for an extended

period near a bridge or over-

pass, volunteers are trained to

"avoid becoming a target of ter-

active programs."

seek trained members.

From The Associated Press

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rorists.

in the battle against terrorism.

BY DENISE LAVOIE The Associated Press

BOSTON - The warning from an anonymous tipster to Califor-

nia authorities quickly crackled across the nation to Boston A group of peo-Truckers vs. terror

were route to Massa chusetts and planning a ter-

ror attack. Patrols were increased Logan International Airport and the city's transit system. Vehicles were searched in underground parking garages Governor Mitt Romney skipped President Bush's in-

turn to Boston All this for what authorities now say was an act of revenge by an im migrant smuggler allegedly trying to get back at people who failed to pay him

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The apparent hoax has renewed scrutiny on the choices that authorities must make between deciding when to warn the public and when broadcasting the threat. "Every day there comes to the

various agencies within the U.S. government hundreds - thousands - of reports of everything from Martians

having landed in Nevada to someone who just had a conversation with Elvis to terror-

ists coming with a nuclear bomb to Boston," said Graham T Allison an assistant defense secretary in the first Clinton administra-

"It's one of those situations where vou're kind of damned if you do and damned if you don't

U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan said the vast majority of anonymous tins received by authorities are not made public in an attempt to

prevent panic. But authorities sometimes go public with a threat, he said, out of a concern for public safety or if they believe the public could help in the investigation



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, left, shakes hands with State Department employees on Thursday in Washington Rice took over Thursday as America's 66th secretary of state, and addressed her employees in the lobby of the State

Rice gets warm welcome

New secretary of state starts work after confirmation

BY BARRY SCHWEID The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Declaring "history is calling us," Condoleezza Rice took over Thursday as Ameri ca's 66th secretary of state to confront an agenda laden with difficult and potentially explosive foreign

policy problems At the top is a grinding war in Iraq that has taken the lives of more than 1,400 U.S. troops.

But Rice exuded confidence as she entered the State Department, telling employees that "it's great to be here," and declaring that "democracy will take hold" around the world as it did in Germany and Japan after World War II.

At the end of next week, Rice is expected to undertake her first overseas venture as secretary of state, going to Europe, the Middle East and possibly other

Among her goals are mending relations with U.S. allies in Europe and assessing prospects for Arab-Israeli negotiations

Known during her four years as President Bush's national security assistant as remote and reserved, Rice pleased hundreds of employees crammed into a State Department Johby with the declaration that her door will be open to them.

Echoing Bush's inaugural speech, Rice promised, 'America will stand for freedom and for liberty. She started her first day on the job with telephone calls to Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, Rus-

sian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Italian Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini and other foreign officials. She planned to attend an Iraq meeting at the White House and another one at the State Department on the

tsunami disaster in Asia. Rice is about a week behind schedule, delayed by critical Democratic senators who delayed confirmation. The Senate voted 85-13 to confirm her Wednes-

enarately:

■ Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee advanced Alberto Gonzales' attorney general nomination on a partyline, 10-8 vote, sending it to the full Senate, where Republicans were expected to use their 55-44 advantage to confirm him there next week at the earliest.

■ Jim Nicholson and Michael Leavitt won confirmation as the new secretaries of veterans affairs and health and human services, respectively.

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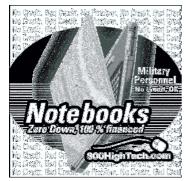
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Homeland security system revamped

WASHINGTON - Bush administration officials Wednesday unveiled a new personnel system for the Department of Homeland Security that will dramatically change the way workers are paid. promoted, deployed and disciplined - and soon the White House will ask Congress to grant all federal agencies similar authority to rewrite civil service rules governing their employees.

The new system will replace the half-century-old General Schedule, with its familiar 15 pay grades and raises tied to time in a job, and install one that more directly ties pay to occupation and annual performance evaluations. officials said. The new system has taken two years to develop and will require at least four more to implement, they said.

Under the new plan, employees would be grouped into eight to 12 clusters based on occupation. Salary ranges will be based, in part, on geographic location and annual market surveys by a new compensation committee Within each occupational cluster, workers will be assigned to one of four salary ranges, or "pay bands," based on their skill level and experience.

Getting a raise or promotion will depend on receiving a satisfactory performance rating from one's supervisor.

The White House will propose legislation within a month to allow all agencies to revamp their personnel systems in a similar way, said Clay Johnson II, deputy direc tor for management at the Office of Management and Budget.

Federal employee union leaders, however, immediately denounced the new DHS system and any plans to expand it government wide. They said the system would undermine the morale of homeland security employees and make it harder to attract and keep talented workers.

Inmate suspected in III. deaths

PEORIA, Ill. - Authorities have identified an inmate as the key suspect in the deaths of several women whose bodies began turning up along rural roads four years ago.

Larry Bright, 38, is expected to be charged Thursday in one of the murders, with charges to be filed later tying him to as many as seven other deaths, State's Attorney Kevin Lyons said. Six women have been found dead since 2001 in neighboring Peoria and Tazewell counties, and four others are missing.

Mass, shipvard accident kills two

BRAINTREE, Mass. - A piece of the giant metal frame that once held shipbuilding cranes collapsed onto a building at a former shipvard, killing two workers and injuring others who were inside remov-

One man was killed when the Fore River Shipyard building collapsed on top of the vehicle he was sitting in. The second body was pulled from the wreckage after nightfall by rescue dogs.

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Politics drives retired brass?

I seemed to have read the letter "Gonza les not right fit for GIs" (Jan. 25) in other newspapers and online in the past couple of weeks, which makes me wonder why retired Marine Brig. Gen. David Brahms and several other [retired] generals and admirals wrote to Stars and Stripes. They appear to have some valid concerns. However, more questions come up in my mind as to why the writers believe the way they

In my time in the Marine Corns I served in artillery, infantry and tank battalions, and as an aide to a two-star general. Often the aide is the confidant to the general, and you hear some interesting ideas dealing with war, politics and personal goals, My assessment is that, when the eagles come off and the stars go on, the politician arises in the general. So here are some of the questions I have for the writers:

Are enemy combatants without uniforms, murdering indigenous people and soldiers, not representing an anarchist country, and thus not covered by the Geneva Conventions?

■ Have you all served in combat situations and/or units where that moral character has to decide what to do for the accomplishment of the mission, and the welfare of the troops? Some of you have, some of you haven't, based on résumés I have seen

■ By having a group of you sign this letter, would you say you are speaking for the

majority or a select few retired generals? Could it be that you are motivated to write this letter by your political affilia-tions? What political parties have you voted for in the past?

I'm only a fifth-grade Department of Defense Dependents Schools teacher, who is a retired Marine officer, so please help me on this one: In your summary/conclusion it appears you are addressing senators. If so why write to Stars and Stripes? Why not instead write an encouraging let-

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ter to the men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq to have the moral courage to do what is right despite what oftentimes can be what some may feel are gray situations? I'm sure they would appreciate retired generals thinking of them, and encouraging them to do the right thing — whether doing patrols in Fallujah or guarding prisoners in detention centers.

James Clark

Butzbach, Germany New Navy uniform a mistake

The Navy is suffering from dysfunctional leadership, as evidenced by the recent Task Force Uniform initiative designed to change the E-6 and below Navy uniform to a Marine Corps look-alike. The master chief petty officer of the Navy is doing this to appease the junior enlisted members in the hopes that it will improve morale.

The Task Force Uniform concept is a mistake from the start — by using surveys and polls to choose a uniform. What is pop ular now may well be unpopular in the

near future. Then what? Initiate another Task Force Uniform and start more surveys and polls only to change the uniform

again The Navy should stick with the uniform it has. Pride in wearing the uniform doesn't come by changing a uniform.

Pride comes from within. As a junior enlisted I didn't complain about my Navy uniform — I made sure I was "squared away" by wearing embroidery when it wasn't mandatory, maintaining my physical fitness, body fat and weight and using plenty

of starch for military-style creases I never had a desire to wear the Marine uniform. If I did, I would have joined the Marine Corps Chief Petty Officer Bernard M. Burawski

Altamonte Springs, Fla

Hunting is proud tradition

The writer of the letter "Hunting is not best approach" (Jan. 7) claimed hunting was unethical and unnecessary because food is readily available in the grocery store. If we follow that logic, why do anything at all if it's already available from someone else? I could grow tomatoes in my own back yard, or I could throw away the education and fulfillment that comes with accomplishing something myself.

The writer also seem to indicate that slaughtering animals in mass to provide meat for the general population is ethical, but scouting, hunting, cleaning and preparing the harvest yourself is not. Obviously, he has not experienced it, but there is satisfaction, discipline, hard work and tradition involved in hunting an animal for consumption

Finally, if a soldier/hunter worked for the writer, would the writer hold it against that person because of his severe aversion of hunting? As a leader, perhaps this writer should keen his personal opinion about a legal activity that many soldiers enjoy out of the public forum. Mai. Matt R. Morris

Camp Al Taji, Iraa

Drug-label law needs a supplement

decade ago Congress passed a law shielding makers of dietary supplements from regulatory scrutiny. The consequences of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 were entirely foreseeable: largely uncontrolled sales and marketing of vitamins and herbal remedies without advance approval of their safety and effectiveness.

According to a new report by the Institute of Medicine, the foreseeable has come to pass. The report deals broadly with alternative and complementary medicine . the section on dietary supplements deserves particular attention.

An estimated 15 million adults in America take herbal remedies or high doses of vitamins which are often sold with vague claims about how they affect the body. These statements can easily be taken for claims of medical benefit, even cures for specific diseases

Yet few herbal supplements are proven to work, and some may be dangerous, particularly when combined with prescription drugs with which their interactions are largely unknown. Because of the 1994 law, however, the Food and Drug Administra-tion has no power to approve their use before they go on the market, and the burden is on the agency to show that a supplement is dangerous before it can be removed from

Unlike drug companies, moreover, sup nlement manufacturers have no obligation to monitor or report health problems their products may cause. ...

One study showed that 32 percent of certain Chinese herbal medicines contained "undeclared pharmaceuticals or heavy metals," while smaller percentages contained "lead, mercury or arsenic." Another study showed that of 59 samples of echinacea purchased in Denver, 10 percent contained "no measurable echinacea" at all. When you buy a dietary supplement, in other words, you have no idea what you're getting.

The report recommends amending the 1994 law to ensure "accuracy and comprehensiveness in labeling," reasonable en-forcement authority, and stronger consumer protections. Our view is that reform should go further, holding herbal medicines to the same standards of safety and efficacy as drugs made by pharmaceutical compa

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

How far are we willing to push prisoners?

The Dallas Morning News

"I have neither the time nor the inclination to explain myself to a man who rises and sleeps under the blanket of the very freedom I provide, then questions the man-

ner in which I provide it!"

— Col. Nathan Jessep, "A Few Good Men"

he famous courtroom outburst from Jack Nicholson in the film "A Few Good Men" is a classic defense of "ends-justify-the-means" morality. The fictional Jessep, on military trial for complicity in a soldier's beating death, argues that the society that counts on the security he pro-

vides had better take care in judging him. We were thinking about Co.l. Jessep in the wake of the conviction of Spc. Charles Graner, recently found guity of abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison and sentenced to 10 years behind hars. The verdict was just, the punishment condign, and, thus, many of us may think this puts the question of U.S. abuse and torture of detainers for the control of the prison and the control of th

Wrong. We have no right to scapegoat Spc. Graner. There are far too many questions left unanswered about U.S. policy on physical abuse of these prisoners. There are reams of documents — official investigations, a Red Cross report, internal government papers made public thanks to an

American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit showing that cruel and inhumane treatment of prisoners was more widespread than initially believed.

We know now that some detainees were beaten, some were raped, some burned, choked, urinated on, forced to face mock execution, shocked with electricity, sodomized with a police stick, sexually humiliated ... the list goes on.

We know, too, that the White House adopted what might charitably be called an expansive view of the limits of physical coercion. President Bush has said that he does not condone torture, but much depends on the definition of the word. When does necessary roughness become torture— — and do our interrogators know and repect the distinction? More important: the design of the property of the president of the lattice of the distinction of the property of the lattice of the distinction people that they do?

If not, then Col. Jessep is right, and there is no moral limit to what might be done to human beings in the name of security. So much for the sanctity of moral val-

In the film, Nathan Jessep goes down, because our sense of justice does not grant the right to do lawless evil so that good might come of it. If that's what Americans really believe, and not just Hollywood make-believe, we are shamefully reticent to show our troubled consciences.



Comment compromised if conflicts not of interest

BY EDWARD WASSERMAN

he affair of Armstrong Williams, the columnist and TV commentator who secretly took \$240,000 to shill for Bush administration education policy, came and went with blinding speed.

Not only was the furor brutish and short, but it focused on the case's most unusual elements — that it involved a black conservative, an explicit payoff, public money and straight-up propaganda. As

The New York Times framed the issue: "The disclosure of the payments intensified a debate over the prevalence of political opinion masked as editorial content in the paid public communications of the Bush administration."

That's one way of looking at it. The far bigger issue, and one reason why the mat-

ter got so little attention, is that Williams' sin exemplifies a corruption that is all but routine in the arena of opinion and commentary: Somebody's bankrolling all these supposedly independent voices, and we rarely know who.

Of the numerous articles I read on the case only a column by Chris Baker, in The Washington Times, hinted at the problem: "One of the dirty secrets of television news is that the producers who book pundits such as Armstrong Williams on their programs rarely ask the commentators about potential conflicts of interest."

I suspect it's a lot worse than that, and it isn't just TV.

At times, the commentary arena is little better than an ethical brothel.

Reporters face mounting demands to come clean on entanglements, but TV's shouting heads and the outside columnists who fill newspaper op-ed pages face no such clamor. Freelance a travel article to a reputable newspaper, as a veteran political consultant told me, and you must swear you didn't get as much as a free Coke from the hotels you mention. But write a fierce opinion piece about some public policy—with vast consequences at stake—and no-body asks whether you have a client involved.

As readers, we don't notice. We read the op-ed column or watch the guest commentator, and we're reassured to learn the bundit is an expert in arms control or

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health-care policy, or is an ex-deputy assistant undersecretary, or a scholar-in-residence at some institute, or co-author of some largely unsold book. And it's true, but it tells us nothing. We still have not a clue as to whom this person works for —

and whether those

learned observations were delivered pursuant to an arrangement with an undisclosed paymaster protective cover. The writer who's a "fellow" of that high-sounding think tank may be financially beholden to a benefactor hidden behind the institutional curtain

After the Williams affair broke, Judith Phair, head of the Public Relations Society of America, wrote on the organization's Web site that its Code of Ethics requires professionals to "fully disclose sponsors or financial interests involved in any naid communications activities."

It's a commendable statement. But political consulting deals — whether labeled corporate PR, lobbying or grass-roots — do routinely obligate consultants to make sure that sympathetic commentaries are placed on respectable media outlets. (It's not unheard-of for the writing to be arranged anonymously well before the prestigious author's byline is rented.) This is never disclosed.

Some say that the rules are different for pundits. Williams — who has insisted he said nothing he didn't believe — claimed initially that because he was a commentator, not a journalist, he could keep the payments secret. In an inter-

view, President Bush, whose appointees were Williams' bagmen, observed, "There needs to be a clear distinction between journalism and advocacy"—a puzzling remark. Did he mean money paid under-the-table to commentators precisely because the public thinks they're independent isn't deceiful? Of course it is.

There is such a thing as principled adocacy. And there is honest commentary based on disinterested judgments and driven by conviction, not cash. What the Williams affair dramatizes is a regrettable institutional laxness from which the marketplace of opinion now suffers.

It's not hard to insist that pundits disclose conflicts and commitments, to insist that bylined authors actually do their own writing and that basic standards of honest discourse apply.

And the beleaguered mainstream

media would do well to set such standards now. Because with the jubilant proliferation of punditry on the Internet, it's hard to see where else such standards would be set.

Edward Wasserman is Knight professor of journalism ethics at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. He wrote this column for The Miami Herald.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



YOUR MONEY

Premium air best saved for NASCAR

Click and Clack

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently heard about filling tires with nitrogen gas to maintain pressure and lengthen tread life. Since the air we breathe is 78 nercent nitrogen

I fail to see how much benefit you actually get

from changing from air to nitrogen. The creators of this are selling it as a safety issue. I'd hate to be scammed into paying for premium air. I'm seeing Starbucks-style gasoline boutiques in our near future. What do you

TOM: My first thought is, I'm putting all my money into Airhucks!

guys think? - Rob

RAY: Like many sales pitches, the nitrogen idea has a molecule of truth in it. You're right that normal atmospheric air is about 80 percent nitrogen already. The rest is made up of oxygen, argon, water vapor, cat dander, bad breath and coal-plant particulates. And the truth is, atmospheric air is absolutely good enough for filling your tires.

TOM: Pure nitrogen has a couple of advantages. One is that it expands and contracts less under hot and cold temperatures than a mixture of nitro-

gen, oxygen and water vapor. That can be an advantage if you're in, say, a race car driving at 200 mph around a track for 500 miles - where tiny differences in tire pressure and han

> dling can really matter RAY: Ni trogen also

doesn't support combustion like oxygen does. So it's unlikely to fuel a fire started in some other part of the car if a tire explodes. Of course, there's already plenty of combustible air all around the car, regardless of what's in the tires

TOM: And finally, both the oxygen and the small percentage of moisture in the atmospheric air can contribute to degradation of the inside of your tires and wheels. But think about it: The outsides are exposed to the air all the time so what are you worried about the insides for

RAY: So, none of these advantages is important to the average driver. They just don't matter enough to ever think about. And they certainly don't matter enough to pay for, Rob.

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Tips for retiring in 10 years

By ROBERT POWELL CBS MarketWatch com

BOSTON - People expecting to retire in 10 years are frequent

ly behind the eight ball. Few, say surveys and pundits have saved enough money to kick back in 2015 and enjoy a life of leisure. But you don't have to be a procrastinator, sprinting to retirement and hoping against hope to have enough money for cruises and grandchildren.

To be sure, it won't be easy. Indeed, only half of households with income between \$50,000 to \$99,000 have adequate retirement savings, according to one survey. Here's what experts say you have to do to reach your goal

1. Plan, plan, and plan: If you haven't done so already, it's time to start planning. Cynthia Egan. ment Servic director of the Retin es business unit of Fidelity Personal Investments, agrees that having a plan in place is critical in the home stretch to retirement. 'A good plan will give a realistic assessment of what you need, where you are, and what you should be doing to maximize those last 10 years of employment and saving," she says. "A good plan will make sure you are tak-ing full advantage of any corporate benefits, tax-advantaged vehicles like 401(k)s, IRAs and 529s and that you are realistic about retirement dates and how long your money needs to last.

2. Crunch the numbers: If you done so, sit down and crunch the numbers using realistic assumptions to see if your retirement goal is reasonable, says

Rande Spiegelman of Charles Schwab, "It's better to know now whether your goal is reasonable or not." Spiegelman says his reality check involves the following three stens:

Expenses: How much will you spend in retirement? To be safe, figure you'll need as much in retirement as you did before retirement; some expenses may go others may take their place. Remember to factor in in-

■ Nest Egg: How big of a portfolio do you need to support your spending goal? To have a high probability that you'll sustain your lifestyle, adjusted for infla-tion over a 30-year time horizon, you should target a portfolio roughly equal to 25 times your first-year withdrawal amount.

Savings: How much do you need to save to achieve your object tive? Take into account what you've already saved, what you expect to earn on your investments, and calculate what you need to save between now and your target retirement date

3. Expect the unexpected: It's easy, in some ways, to project fu-ture streams of income from pensions, annuities, Social Security, investment income ment plan income It's even easy to determine what your expenses might be. The hard part is planning for those unexpected expens-

4. Save more: No matter how much you've set aside, or how much it may grow to, or how much your employer or Social Security will provide, save more, says Steve Leimberg, author of Tools and Techniques of Finan-

cial Planning."
"Use these last few years to save and invest every additional nickel you can," he adds, "because two things are virtually cerwhat it was projected to earn after taxes just a few years ago, and food, clothing, shelter and lifestyle will cost more than you ex-pected or projected." Indeed, a cup of coffee that now costs \$1.50 will cost \$3.64 if inflation remains at 3 percent per year. But if infla tion doubles to 6 percent, that cup of coffee will cost \$8.62.

5. Use tax-deferred savings vehicles. There's nothing quite like tax-deferred savings accounts, says Ed Slott, author of "The Retirement Savings Time Bomb and How to Defuse It." His advice: Put away as much as possible in your 401(k) and Roth IRA, if you can do both. "Your last 10 years are probably your biggest earning years," he says. "Now is the and accelerate your savings in tax-favored plans to the greatest extent possible. The amount you save in these last few working years will have a significant impact on how you will live for the rest of your life."

6. Get smart. One-third of current retirees say they wish they'd educated themselves about differ ent retirement savings options, ac-cording to Allstate's "Retirement Reality Check." What's more, 1 in 5 seniors who admit to being unprepared for retirement say their biggest concern was that they didn't understand investing.

7. Get advice. Everyone has his or her own distinct goals, risk tolerance and existing savings, says Scott Budde, a TIAA-CREF managing director of investment management. Even among a particular age group these factors can wary greatly. "So we find that 'one-size-fits-all' blanket advice often does not meet the needs of a particular person," he says. His suggestion: Seek personalized ad-vice tailored to your specific situa-

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Be pro when leaving job

BY MARSHALL LOEB MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Leaving your job can be stressful, whether you're moving on by choice or if you've been fired or downsized.

Even though emotions may be running high, now isn't the time to let them overwhelm you. writes M. Rose Jonas in her new book, "Can I Lie on My Resume?" Put your best face forward, even if you're angry, scared or excited about leaving. Also:

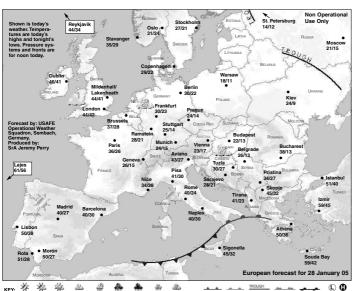
■ Don't slack off on work during the final days. Do what you need to prepare for your new ioh but don't ignore the one

Leaving lots of unfinished projects and other tasks gives employers and co-workers a less-than-stellar final impresmultistage projects, make sure whoever picks up your portion of the work will see a smooth transition

■ Keen your bridges intact Even though your last days in a workplace may seem like the perfect time to tell off a snotty co-worker or really let the boss have it ... don't. You never know when you might encounter these people again on your career path. They might eventually be in a position to recommend you for a job or even hire you again,

■ Be kind to your replace ment. If you are expected to stay on for a period of time to train a new person, don't give in to feelings of resentment about being replaced, or to worries that this new person will do your job better. Make sure he or she is prepared to do your job well.

so don't blow it now.



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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers and snowshowers. Highs in the mid to upper 30s. Saturday lows in the mid to upper

20s. Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 40s. Saturday lows in the lower

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with snow. Fog on Saturday morning. Highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Saturday lows in the 20s France: Mostly cloudy with isolated snowshowers and rainshowers. Highs in the mid 30s. Saturday lows in the mid 20s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with snow. Highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Saturday lows in the lower 20s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with snow. Highs in the mid 20s to lower 30s. Saturday lows in the mid teens to lower 20s.

Hungary: Mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers. Highs in the lower 20s. Saturday lows in the lower

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Saturday lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s

Southern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy withrainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. Saturday lows in the lower 30s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the lower to mid 30s. Saturday lows in the mid to upper 20s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with isolated snowshowers. Highs in the lower to mid 30s. Saturday lows in the mid to upper 20s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s to lower 50s. Saturday lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

Turkey: Mostly cloudy with rainshow-ers. Highs in the 50s. Saturday lows in the 40s.

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Cop faces discipline

CO DENVER — Police Sgt. Michael Karasek will be disciplined for threatening to arrest a woman for displaying on her truck a profane bumper sticker about President Bush, Police Chief Gerry Whitman said.

Shasta Bates, 26, was confronted by a man while standing in a UPS store. The man told her he was upset by her

humner sticker. The man then went outside and flagged down Karasek, who was working off-duty in uniform at the

shopping center

Bates, three UPS employees and a Rocky Mountain News reporter who happened to be there all say that the officer threatened to arrest the woman if she didn't remove the bumper sticker from her truck

Karasek told investigators that he did threaten the woman with arrest, but at the time he thought he was following the law, a police source said. He realized shortly after the confrontation that he was wrong, the source said

Rethinking Washington

MD BALTIMORE — Research ers hoping to dispel George Washington's image as a stiff-jawed, boring old man are tak-ing a bite out of history through a high-tech study of his famous false

The researchers were in Baltimore to perform laser scans on a set of Washington's dentures at the National Museum of Dentistry dentures, they say, that were not made of wood as commonly believed.

Scientists and historians plan to use the information to help create new, expressive, life-sized figures of plaster and wax to show aspects of the 6-foot-3 Washington's personality they consider underappreciated

"People know that Washington was great, but many people think he was boring and nothing could be further from the truth" said be further from the truth, James C. Rees, executive director of the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Washington's home in Northern Virginia.

Great water levels

TRAVERSE CITY — The water levels in the Great Lakes system have risen as much as 16 inches this winter from one year ago, bringing hope for next summer to the region's boaters and beach visitors.

According to the latest U.S. Army Corps of Engineers figures Lake St. Clair's water level was 16 inches above the winter 2004 level and 4 inches above its long-term average. The other lakes reported 7- to 15-inch increases.

High water translates to cash for the shipping industry, where higher water means more cargo and bigger profits. A single inch of water allows a 1,000-foot freighter to carry 270 additional tons of goods, according to the Cleve-land-based Lake Carriers' Associa-

Light rail funded

AZ PHOENIX — Saying the nation's sixth-largest city was "strangling on its congestion," the country's top transit official signed on to the National Marine Fisheries Service for one last ound of consideration

Fatal accident

VI Lowell BARTON - A was killed over the weekend after a snowmobile accident on Crystal Lake.

Vermont State Police later cited the boy's father and uncle on suspicion of snowmobiling while intoxicated.

The crash happened as Randy Langmaid, 37, and his 16-year-old son. Shane, were snowmobiling with Randy Langmaid's 27-year-old brother, Jonathan, according to a news release from Vermont State Police in Derby

Randy Langmaid broke his right arm in the crash.

Magnet message

OR EUGENE — The University of Oregon is defending its decision to tell one of its delivery drivers to remove a "Support Our Troops" magnet from the state-owned truck he uses at work. Oregon law prohibits personal messages on state-owned vehicles

regardless of the context. University President Frohnmayer said that driver Pete Baker will face no disciplinary action, and added that he was upset that the incident has led people to

question the patriotism of the uni-New attention on grapes

versity.

CA BERKELEY — California grape growers and winemakers are hung up on "hang time" - how long grapes should be left on the vine Some winemakers want the

grapes picked late to maximize fla-

But growers say that cuts into their per-ton profits because grapes lose weight as they ripen.

"There's a lot of controversy about this," said Andy Beckstoffer, a major Napa Valley grower who recently organized a seminar on hang time that drew more than 500

The issue of hang time, also known as extended ripening, has been around for at least five years, but the past year has brought increased attention, said Karen Ross, president of the California Association of Winegrape Growers in Sacramento.

Airport not proving itself

MO ST. LOUIS — At MidAmer-ica Airport, the parking is free, the waits are short and the terminal is gleaming. But it needs some flights and pas-

sengers. Before the airport opened in 1997 in Mascoutah, Ill., about 20 miles east of St. Louis, studies predicted well over a million passen-

gers by 2005. The 2004 figure: 7,800 passengers. However, Illinois officials remain committed to the airport. One new development has

raised some optimism. In November, TransMeridian Airlines, a charter airline out of Lithia Springs, Ga., began offering a few flights a week out of the air port, flying passengers to and from Orlando, Fla. TransMeridian recently opted to extend its term at MidAmerica through Sept. 6.



Pat Murphy, former soldier with the Honoring veterans 78th Infantry Division, second from bottom, flashes a peace sign on the floor of the Arkansas state Senate in Little Rock. as survivors of the Battle of the Bulge are honored.



For the birds Grackles perch on top of a tree in Abilene



Ethel Scobe takes her dog. A Penny for your walk Penny, for a walk in Wichita. Kan. The Boston terrier stays warm by wearing a fleece sweater.



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an agreement to free \$587 million

in federal money to help sprawling Phoenix build a light rail system.

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the automobile would be foolhar-

ing the agreement with the mayors

of Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa and Glen-

freeway onramps during peak

hours, and it can easily take more

than an hour for motorists to get to

the outskirts from downtown dur-

ing rush hour. With light rail, it will take about 20 minutes to get

from downtown to Tempe and

about the same time to get to north

Besides easing traffic problems

Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon said light rail will create 1.600 full-time

Hearings on shrimping

ABBEVILLE — Public hear-

discuss capping the number of

shrimp boats operating in federal

New rules tentatively adopted

by the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries

Management Council would limit

the shrimp fleet for the next de-

cade at about 2,800 boats — those

operating with federal permits at

After the council makes its final

decision following the public hear-

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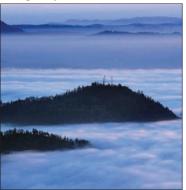
Federal Transit Administrator Jennifer Dorn said after sign-

Doesn't look like fun **Brougham Elementary third-grader** Nick Jones takes a beanbag to the forehead after he stuck his head in a bull's eye during a family fun night in Olathe, Kan.



Getting toasty

California sea lions sunbathe on a San Francisco boat dock.



Blue skies A thick mist blankets the Willamette Valley floor at sunset near Springfield, Ore.



Early morning loner Separated from the rest of the herd, a lone Hereford cow is silhouetted against the sunrise near Mount Carroll, III.



Truck falls off bridge A truck is seen on its roof in the Middle Patuxent River along Interstate 95 in Savage, Md., following a multi-vehicle accident. The tractor-trailer flipped off a bridge, landing upside down in a ravine below. The driver survived.

Arrested for drawings

FL OCALA — Two boys were arrested for making pencil-and-crayon stick figure drawings depicting a 10-year-old classmate being stabbed and hung, police said. The children, charged with a felony, were taken from school in bandcuffs.

The 9- and 10-year-old boys were charged with making a written threat to kill or harm another person. They were also suspended from school.

Wife gets life sentence

PONTIAC — An elementary school teacher who hacked her husband to death with a hatchet was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Before she was sentenced, Nancy Seaman read a statement in which she called the jury's guilty verdict "a miscarriage of justice" and a "tragic mistake." She said she would appeal.

Prosecutors said Seaman argued with her husband, Robert, last Mother's Day, went to Home Depot to buy a hatchet, returned to their home and killed him with it. Police found Robert Seaman's body in his wife's sport utility vehicle a few days later.

Nancy Seaman claimed that she bought the hatchet for yard work and that the couple got into an argument the next morning in which her husband of 31 years menaced her with a steak knife. She said she grabbed the nearest thing to defend herself.

Oakland County Circuit Judge John McDonald said he didn't "doubt for a minute" that Seaman was physically and emotionally abused. But he said jurors did not believe the abuse was so severe that it excused the slaying.

Heifer sells and resells

MISSOULA — A 520-pound heifer took center stage at the Missoula Livestock Exchange, where the animal was sold and resold about a dozen times to raise money for two groups opposed to relaxing restrictions on Canadian be

Auctioning the black Angus calf, along with a Western brouze statue and some other items, raised SARO to S6,000 for the Montana SARO temen's Association and the Ranchers-Cattlemen's Arsociation and the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, or R-CALF USA, R-CALF is the legal-action arm of the U.S. Stockgrowers Association.

The sale came nine days after authorities confirmed another case of mad cow disease in Alberta, Canada. It was the second Canadian animal found to have the deadly brain-wasting disease since December when the United States announced that cross-border cattle trade would resume in March.

Abuse allegations bills

NH CONCORD — A bill being debated by the House would prevent people from reporting child abuse anonymously, a measure that has elicited concern from children's advocates.

Rep. Lars Christiansen. R-Hud-

son, said too many people are falsely accused of child abuse and never know who pointed the finger of blame. He said it all adds up to a violation of civil rights.

According to the state, only 6 per-

cent of child abuse calls are anonymous. Department of Children, Youth and Families investigators oppose the idea of forcing callers to identify themselves, and they insist that their work is not heavy-handed.

School honor protested

GA CANTON — Parents and students are speaking out against plans to name a new school for a Confederate-era governor. The Cherokee County Board of Education voted 4-3 to name the

county's newest high school after former Gov. Joseph E. Brown. However, some parents and students who will attend the school

say the name invites controversy.

Scott Rowland, who has three children, said naming the school after a Confederate governor brings connotations of racism, "whether justified or not."

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Brown is referred to in the history books as a "rabid secessionist."
Ending slavery, he said, would lead to the South's ruin.

Besides teaching in Cherokee, Brown had a long-term interest in education. He was the first president of the Atlanta Public Schools, and he was a founding board member at historically black Atlanta University, according to Cathy Loving-Pve. historian/archivist for At-

Park fees now law

lanta schools

TUCSON — Visitors to national forests and other federal lands who had hoped temporary recreation fees would soon vanish will have no such luck.

The fees were first imposed in 1996 on a temporary basis and have been renewed by Congress every two years since. But last fall, Congress wrote the fees into law for at least a decade.

Congress approved the law as part of a larger appropriations bill in November, and President Bush signed it Dec. 8.

Town's population back

RALEIGH — At the time of the 2000 census, Princeville was still mostly a disaster zone after being devastated by flooding from Hurricane Floyd. Many of its residents abandoned their homes for drier ground.

Town officials suspected then that the population would be undercounted because of the storm, and requested a special recount. Revised figures now show

Princeville, about 60 miles northeast of Raleigh, has 2,029 residents — more than twice as many as the 974 listed in the official 2000 count.

Foster parents punished PROVIDENCE — A Cran-

ston couple's foster license is on hold after a young man in their care shot himself in the leg with a gun found in the father's sock drawer.

The police said the bullet pierced 20-year-old Daniel Lillie's lower right thigh and exited just above the back of his knee. Veronica Manders, 38, told The

Providence Journal she plans to lobby DCYF to keep her foster-care license. She said the incident has caused she and her husband to separate. The couple have taken care of 20 foster children over the past eight years.

per- Stories and photos from wire services

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17:30	The Fairly OddParents	Hollywood Backstories	ESPNews	The Late Late Show	FOX News	Inside the NFL	The Simpsons	The Late Late Show
18:30	Rugrats	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	Dennis Miller	1		Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
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11:30	Justice League	ty" (1997, Comedy) Robert Carlyle, Tom Wilkinson.	American Adventurer	Half & Half			It's Good to Be	Half & Half
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Snoops get celebrity restraining order

Oscar-winning actress Nicole Kidman has asked a court to issue a restraining order against two Sydney photographers, their lawyer said



Roland Day said his client, Jamie Fawcett, and another photographer he represents had been served papers saying Kidman's application would be heard in Waverly Local Court. Day wouldn't name the other photographer

Police officers were called to Kidman's home after an electronic listening device was found near a security vehicle that was monitoring her mansion from the street.

The bug was apparently discovered when security officers searched the grounds in prepara-

tion for Kidman's return to film her new movie, "Eucalyp-It wasn't immediately clear whether Kidman's applica-

tion for a restraining order was related to that incident. "Ms. Kidman appears to be trying to control how the media covers her personal and public life," Day said.

He said his clients were merely doing their jobs and that granting Kidman's request would "have the dangerous consequence of encouraging anyone under the scrutiny of the media to do the same thing.

Rowling announces name of baby

J.K. Rowling, creator of the "Harry Potter" boy-wizard fantasy book series, has named her new baby daughter Mackenzie.

The 39-year-old British author gave birth to her third child at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. In a note posted on her Web site, Rowling wrote: "Her name is Mackenzie Murray (middle names Jean Rowling) and she is ridiculously beautiful, though I suppose I might be biased.'

Rowling and her husband, Dr. Neil Murray, said they are "absolutely delighted" with their new arrival. The couple have a 22-month-old son, David, and Rowling has an 11-year-old daughter, Jessica, from a previous marriage.
"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." the

much-anticipated sixth book in the series, will be published on July 16.

Actor not present for knife attack

A security guard at the London theater where Christian Slater had been performing was involved in a knife attack, a spokes-

man for Slater's play said. Slater had already left the West End theater when the attack occurred, said Tom Coupe, a spokes-man for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," which ended its successful five-month run. The theater security guard wasn't injured, Coupe



"Christian wasn't directly involved," Anna Arthur, Slater's publicist, said. "It's something that happened in the streets outside, there in the West End. It involved the security guards but not Christian."

First 'Survivor' winner arraigned

Richard Hatch, the first winner of the hit CBS reality show "Survivor," was arraigned in federal court on charges that he didn't pay taxes on his \$1

million prize. Hatch, a resident of Newport, didn't enter a plea, but told U.S. Mag-

istrate Judge Lincoln Almond that he understood the charges, and waived his right to a grand jury. Almond released Hatch

\$50,000 bond, which he posted following the hearing. Federal prosecutors charge that

Hatch, 43, filed false 2000 and 2001 tax returns, omitting his income from the show, as well as another \$321,000 he was paid by a Boston radio station.

The charges carry a maximum five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine for each charge

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Bobby McFerrin, second from left, his wife Debbie McFerrin, left, and their children attend a show in New York City on Nov. 15. McFerrin doesn't hate his most popular song - you know the one - but he won't perform it.

The disappearance of 'Don't worry, be happy'

He's pretty happy, but you aren't going to hear Bobby McFerrin's most famous song anytime soon — at least not from him

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Bobby McFerrin

Musician

BY BRAD BARNES

Knight Ridder Newspapers

obby McFerrin does not perform his most famous song in concert. But to quote that song: Don't worry, be happy. His shows are a free-form amalgam of jazzy

singing, improvised voice work and audience participation. And, McFerrin hopes, they're lots of fun.

"I'd say 90 percent of the audiences might be a little disappointed [I didn't play the song]," he says, "but hopefully they've had so much fun between, you know,

first number and the last that they're OK. "Every once in a while someone will say, 'How come you didn't do "Don't Worry, Be Happy"?' But they're still asking for my autograph," he says

"They're still taking pictures and we're all having a good time."

The infectious melody of "Don't Worry,

Be Happy" made it a No. 1 smash in 1988, with part of the charm coming from its novelty. McFerrin's voice provided 12 tracks of hums, bop-bops and doo-doots in lieu of any instrumental support But he has a love-hate relationship with

the piece. Its success made McFerrin a household name. But it also defined the man - a jazz artist and the son of two classical vocalists — as a pop singer in the pub-"I don't regret its success at all," McFer-

rin says. "It's still working for me, my goodness, after all these years. It's still out there; people still talk about it. Companies use it for commercials or whatever. It's still

Still, he hasn't performed the song in 17 years. Yet his Web site embraces it, with playful links like "Don't Worry,

Be Bobby," and a collection of press quotes calling the man a one-hit wonder.

For the most part, critics have embraced McFerrin as a true innovator, unlike any vocalist before. That distinction

might have come partly from his self-imposed exile from other jazz singers. "In the beginning, I purposely stayed away from listen-

ing to singers for two years," he says. "I didn't want to, like, cop someone's licks, knowing how impressionable I am. I was afraid of doing such a diligent search in trying to find the voice that I would end up copying that voice, whoever it was. So I actually made myself take a two-year fast from jazz singers.

"Once I got really comfortable with my technique, and I was beginning to under stand who I was, I started listening to othsays McFerrin, now 54.

(He doesn't remember who he broke his fast with. "That was a long, long time ago, he says. "It could've been Al Jarreau, could've been Jon Hendricks."

In keeping with that spirit of innovation. he starts every solo show by performing a song even he doesn't know.

He improvises "I do the hardest thing first, the scariest

thing first, which is to go out there without any ideas and just open my mouth and start singing. And whatever it is, is what it is. It's never a tune that anyone knows. It's never an identifiable piece," he says, "It's always something that's made up on the spot.

That may be 5 minutes of the show, or it might be 25 minutes. And after that, he draws in the spectators to help with the performance.

"Some audiences are very conservative. They're not

used to being told to sing with me," he says. "But I've never never never ever failed to get an audience to sing."

Horoscope

Mars and Pluto buddy up for some cosmic rock 'n' roll. Areas of life that have suffered from a lack of

confrontation now receive due attention - not to mention a fierce attitude. It doesn't always take a revolution to change some one's mind or to handle a squirrelly situation, but if revolt seems necessary. many people are willing to go there

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 28). This year

features your sensational rise to a position you've had your eye on for several years now You're going about business in a more politically savvy manner and therefore find yourself in favor with fellow diplomats. A well-constructed financial plan is your ticket to higher earnings. Make your romantic feelings known in May

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're inventive and sharp. But be

careful not to overdo things. It's the simple idea that takes off like a rocket. A Gemini or Sagittarius will help you fulfill a tall order in the easiest possible manner

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your mind needs some extra help in

getting going. Confused emotions could be putting a damper on your synapses. Deep breathing helps. The more you read, the better you think

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Listen: The faint echoes of 1,000

violins play in the distance. Why do people tug on your heartstrings so? Perhaps because you are easily swayed by stories of an unhappy childhood

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Just because you've been unaware of a trend thus far doesn't mean the trend doesn't exist. Look for possible natterns in your relationshins. Discovering a self-perpetuated cycle could set you free

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll hear some pretty silly excuses as to why someone didn't come through

for you. But you'll probably be too busy accepting the gracious generosity from other people to care! A Libra flirts with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fighting for someone else's rights

Holiday Mathis

brings out the warrior in vou, "No" is not an option. and you're willing to make a scene if that's what it takes. You're now the sign most likely to be called to jury duty.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). The rules are simple now, so follow them instead of looking for deeper explanations Be wary of people who need to dominate the

conversation. If you take the relationship further, they may bully you in other ways

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Exterior influences promise to soothe and calm you. They can't take the place of internal satisfac-

tion, though. You are quite susceptible to advertising, so be careful not to fall into a consumer vortex SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The energy of love is always

there; we need only be open to it. Reaching out to friends, howeve small the gesture, will bring about a generally uniting energy. Feelings of isolation melt away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Defenses are there for a reason, right? Without them, wouldn't you crumble? Maybe not. It's more likely that you're holding onto a certain coping mechanism out of habit. Let go, and you'll become invulnerable

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wisdom comes from the mouths of babes - or at least from the mouth of someone you formerly didn't

consider wise. You'll recognize the rightness of a statement and be utterly shocked. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You hurl yourself into the pool of life without concern for safety or liability - which is just as it should be! Your cannonball style looks like so much fun to everyone else that you'll soon

attract a crowd of wannabe revelers. Creators Syndicate

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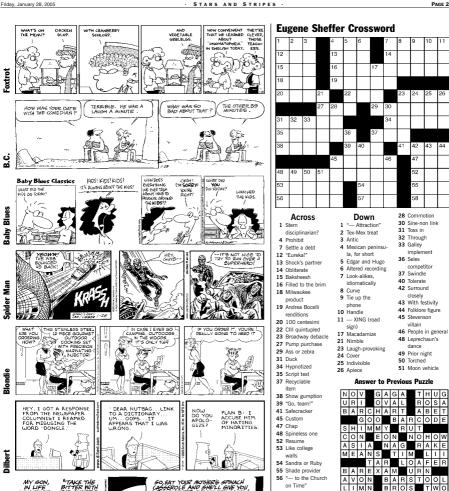








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Report online predator promptly

Dear Abby: My brother re-cently discovered that his 16year-old stepdaughter has been chatting online with a man ir another state, up to and including phone sex. He went into her e-mail without her permission to see what was going on after she

ran up a \$300 phone bill. When he confronted her about the bill, she lied and said she had been talking to a girl friend. Her mother - my brother's wife - thinks her daughter would never do anything wrong and gets mad at my brother if he implies otherwise. He doesn't want to do anything about the situation for

fear of her wrath.

I say, the girl's safety is more important than a fight with his wife. Do you know if there's a task force that he could e-mail this information to and remain anonymous? I would like to see that man caught before something horrible hannens to this beautiful young girl.

- Protective in Colorado

been victimized by a predator. Your brother's wife is doing her daughter no good by behaving like an ostrich and pretending this incident never happened.

There are several things you brother can do. He should contact his local FBI office

and/or visit the Web site www.fbi.gov and check out the area devoted to cyber crimes — specifically crimes against children under "What We Inves-tigate." If he is referred to his local police de partment, he should contact them immedi ately so they can inves-tigate further. The National Center for

Missing and Exploited Children also has an informative Web site, www.missingkids.com, which provides information regarding exploited children and an opportunity to report it.

Dear Abby: I am a single woman, and while I have kissed a

kissers. You don't want to give up on a great guy because his kiss is only average. I gently tried to provide a bit of coaching with an ex, but it made him defensive.

How do you teach a middle-aged man to kiss? Before I get into another relationship, a little advice in this area would be helpful. Also, would you approach it early on — or after there is an established relationship?

 Wants a Great Kisser Dear Wants: Since different people are turned on by different things, no one should expect to get it right on the first try A considerate kisser wants to

The best way I know of to "teach" a middle-aged man to – or a young one or an old one, for that matter — is to dem-onstrate, demonstrate. Practice makes perfect, and the time to approach it is soon after he makes his next attempt.

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Spouse should check out vasectomy

Dear Annie: I am a 36-year-old mother of two. After our first child was born, I suffered four miscarriages, two of which required a D&C, which created adhesions from scar tissue. I under went two hysteroscopies and an emergency lanaroscopy. After all this we were able to have a second child, delivered via C-section. But I then had another miscarriage and decided enough was enough I don't want to get pregnant again

I would like my husband to have a vasectomy, but he refuses Our current form of birth control is the withdrawal method, which isn't much fun, not to mention it's not the most effective. Frankly, I've been poked and prodded enough, and I don't want to under go more surgery for a tubal ligation. Birth control pills are not an option, and I have an allergy to latex, so condoms are out

On top of my medical history. it's cheaper for my husband to have a vasectomy, and the recov-

ery time is fairly quick. A tubal would require a month off work without Annie's Mailbox pay, not to mention the

> chance of infection My mother-in-law as her boy convinced he'll suffer lifelong urinary infections if he undergoes a vasectomy. I think my husband believes he'll be some how less of a man, so he is dead-set against it.

increased risks and

- Southwest Sufferer Dear Southwest: It doesn't say much about your husband's character that he would put his macho pride above your health. We won't even get into his intrusive mother, who has no business being part of

this decision For the record, vasectomies are quite safe and have absolutely no effect on a man's sexual drive or masculinity. If your husband is worried about surgery, he can look into non-surgical options

Dear Annie: For years, my husband and I have been helping our daughter and son-in-law by

taking care of their three children whom we dearly love. When our daughter was working, she paid us a little, although it didn't cover the cost of the children's food or the gas to take them to and from school. Now that she is back in college, she says she can't pay us

anything at all We have the grandkids every day. At dinner, their parents stop by to eat with us. Money that we hoped to have for our golden vears is dwindling away. How do e tell our daughter she needs to help us with the cost of caring for her children, or she needs to take care of them herself?

- Almost Broke Grandma Dear Grandma: You tell her in plain English. She is taking advantage of you because you permit it. Inform your daughter that she needs to find other arrangements, because you no longer have the time or money to raise her children. It's her turn. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, Iongtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, coreators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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Waldorf and Funk among five Hope Classic leaders

LA OUINTA, Calif. - Duffy Waldorf rolled in eight birdie putts, didn't make a bogey and still had lots of company aton the leader board Waldorf's 8-under



the lead

64 in Wednesday's opening round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic was only good enough to put him in a five-way tie for

Fred Funk, Robert Damron, Ted Purdy and Joe Ogilvie also opened the 90-hole tournament with 64s

Fred Couples, the 1998 champion, had a 65 and was in another group of five in the desert tournament in which scores traditionally are among the lowest of the year.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson who also won the event in 2002, shot 66 and was tied with six others.

Only 13 of the 128 players finished the first round over par

Mike Weir, the 2003 Hope champion, opened with a 71, leaving him tied for 93rd

The players rotate among four courses for the first four days of the pro-am. then the low 70 pros and ties play the final round at PGA West on Sunday.

Waldorf, looking for his first victory in almost five years, began his round at PGA West by rolling in a 6-foot birdie putt on the first hole, then finished it with a fine shot out of the bunker and a 4-foot birdie putt on the final hole.

He was deadly accurate with his irons most of the day, setting up short

"Accuracy and good putting for me today," Waldorf said. "I putted the best I've putted this year, really had good pace on the ball and was reading the

"I kept the ball in play for the most part, didn't get in a lot of trouble.

Couples was pleased with his round. but cautious about getting too greedy.

"You can't go around thinking you're going to shoot 7-under out here every day," he said after his round at Tamarisk Country Club. "What I'm trying to pay at-

tention to is how I'm hitting the ball. "What I did today is I really drove the ball well, compared to San Diego, where I was everywhere. Today I hit

the ball long and straight and the course played easy Mickelson, coming off a tie for 56th at Torrey Pines in his 2005 debut, is seeking improvement.

"My short irons, certainly that's an area I need to work on a lot this week said Mickelson, who beat Skip Kendall in a playoff to win the event last year.

David Duval shot 10-over 82 at PGA

West, 23 shots more than when he won the tournament on the final day six years ago with a tour record-tying 59 on the same course

John Daly shot 72 and was tied for

Montgomerie shoots 65, leads by three in Singapore

SINGAPORE — Colin Montgomerie shot 7-under-par 65 Thursday to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the Caltex Masters



Actor/comedian George Lopez reads a green during the Bob Hope Classic on Wednesday, Celebrities play with pros during the first four days of the 90-hole event that is played on four courses.

The defending champion made seven birdies at the Laguna National Golf and Country Club to lead Nick Dougherty, Mark Foster and Danny Chia, who all shot 68. Seven were tied at 69.

"I really feel that this is a fantastic start to the new year," said Montgomerie, who won last year's tournament by three strokes.

Currently ranked 82nd in the world, Montgomerie has set a goal of returning to the top 25, and Thursday pronounced himself "happier on and off the course ... as I have ever been."

More NHL talks vield promise of further talks

The Associated Press

There's no telling how the NHL labor negotiations are going behind closed doors.

For that matter, there's no telling where those doors even are. So closely guarded are the minutest details

from the league's latest round of talks with the players' association, exactly what they're talking about is anyone's guess.

The sides held their third meeting in less than

week Wednesday in Toronto and were success ful in keeping the exact location a secret. After the 51/2-hour negotiating session, the only detail revealed was that another meeting would take place this week.

Although nothing had been officially scheduled by Wednesday night, the sides were leaning toward getting together either Thursday or Friday in New York.

There is no secret that time is running out to save the season. How the NHL and the players association are working to prevent that has be-come a big mystery. Talks were held in small groups again on Wednesday, three people repre-senting the union and four on the league side. "We will meet again this week," NHL chief

legal officer Bill Daly said. "We have no further comment at this time.'

Before getting together this week, both sides took a tight-lipped approach, adding they wanted negotiations to be out of the public eye.

Daly told The Associated Press on Tuesday that discussions were at a critical stage and that only days remained to reach a deal that would save the season. The fact that more talks have been set up provided at least a glimmer of hope that the NHL won't become the first North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

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AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—Tennis: Australian Open, men's semininal No. 2 (dld).

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College basketball

Men's Top 25 fared

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Golf

Hope Classic

Wednesday La Quinta, Calif. PGA West (Palmer Course); 6,930 yards Tamarisk Country Club; 7,003 yards La Quinta Country Club; 7,003 yards bermuda Dunes Country Club; 6,962 yards Par for all four courses; 72 (36-36) First Round

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American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms
with OF Darnell McDonald on a minor league
contract. Named Jason Lee Pacific rim

SCATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with INF Yuniesky Betancourt on a four-year contract. Designated RHP Aaron Looper for assignment. assignment.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms
with RHP Doug Waechter, LHP Scott Kazmir
and LHP Chris Seddon on one-year contracts.

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National League

NEW YORK METS—Acquired 1B Doug
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LAS VEGAS GLADHATORS—Re-signed OL-DL Thaddeus Bullard.

LOS ANGELES AVENGERS—Re-signed K emmy Hamilton, WR-LB Greg Hopkins, QB John Kaleo and OL-DL Sean McNamara.

MSHYLLE KATS—Placed FB-LB Casey Urlacher on recallable waivers. NEW ORLEANS VOODOO—Re-signed OL-DL John Hilliard.

NEW YORK DRAGONS—Claimed FB-LB
Jamaal Cherry off waivers from San Jose.

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Major League Soccer

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OULEGE

NCAA – Placed Lincoln University (Mo.) on probation for four years, limited its football financial aid, recruiting and transfers, and adopted institutional forfeitures of competitions and records in several sports for allowing inelligible student athletes to participate in football, men's basketball, women's cross country, women's track and field and men's country, women's track and field and men's golf.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL—Named Danije la Tomic women's volloyball coach

GUILFORD—Announced the resignation of ohn Burke, men's lacrosse coach. Named Indrew Rowe interim men's lacrosse coach. MCMURRY—Announced the resignation of Steve Keenum, football coach, MINNESOTA STATE—Named Mike Ekeler

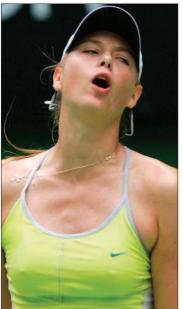
efensive coordinator. OLIVET—Reinstated its wrestling program.

STANFORD—Named Tucker Waugh wide receivers coach.

SYRACUSE—Named Jim Salgado cornerbacks and secondary coach.

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Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova of Russia shows frustration during her women's singles semifinal match against Serena Williams in the Australian Open. The American won the match 2-6, 7-5, 8-6.

And in this corner ...

Sharapova, Serena Williams are showing signs of developing into one of tennis' storied rivalries

BY DENNIS PASSA The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — It's not in the same league — yet — of Billie Jean vs. Chris, Martina vs. Steffi, or most recently, Serena vs. Venus.

But the recent rivalry in big matches between Serena Williams, 23, and 17-year-old Maria Sharapova has the potential both players agree — to turn into an enduring one.

"I think she is one of the best competitors out there," Sharapova said Thursday after her 2-6, 7-5, 8-6 loss to Williams in an Australian Open semifinal in which Williams saved three match points.

"She's been in those situations when she was down in the third set, and out of nowhere she knows how to turn it around. That comes from experience, that comes from her fighting spirit."

Williams, who has six career Grand Slam singles titles, won the first match against Sharapova at Miami in 2004. She then lost both big ones — last year's Wimbledon final and in the season-ending WTA Championships.

"I think it definitely lived up to expectations," Williams said of Thursday's match. "I definitely think she has a fighting spirit and I think that's gotten her to where she is today."

She also feels that Sharapova, who moved to Florida from Russia at age 9, considers her a role model. 44I think she [Serena Williams] is one of the best competitors out there. She's been

in those situations when she was down in the third set, and out of nowhere

she knows how to turn it around.

Maria Sharapova Wimbledon champion

"I definitely think she's probably looked at me as a reference growing up, which is exciting," Williams said. "I never thought I'd play someone that probably looked up to me."

The mutual admiration ended there Thursday. Asked what Williams had showed her during the match, Sharapova replied, "Nothing."

And Williams reminded everyone that, although she credited Sharapova with having a fighting spirit, "I'm still top fighter out there" Sharapova could learn from Williams' comeback in the match. Sharapova served for the match at 5-4 in both the second and third sets. She didn't have a match point in the second set, but was a point away from victory three times in the third.

"In the second, I thought, 'OK, I could have won this set already, why am I still out here?" Williams said. "In the third, I thought, 'OK, I've been in this situation before, no problem."

Williams had saved match points and won three previous matches — against Kim Clijsters in the 2003 Australian Open semifinal (in which she beat sister Venus in the final), and twice against Lindsay Davenport, her opponent in Saturday's final.

"Those are always the best wins, when you're down match point, because you realize that you can't give up," she said. Sharapova said she didn't give

Sharapova said she didn't give up either on Thursday. "I gave it all I had. I played

"I gave it all I had I played from my heart," she said. "I didn't take my chances when I could. And that's what this game is all about. The match could have gone any way, and she took her chances and she played well when she needed to. That's the difference."

The fourth-ranked Sharapova was philosophical about the loss. "This is not a sprint, it's a mara-

"Inis is not a sprint, it's a marathon," Sharapova said, foreshadowing future big matches against Williams and other top players.

"Of course I'm sad, and obviously it's a tough one to lose. But I've got a long way ahead of me."

Australian Open

Safin dazzles in beating Federer

BY PAUL ALEXANDER
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Marat Safin ended top-ranked Roger Federer's 26-match winning streak in a classic Australian Open semifinal, outlasting the defending champion 5-7, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (8-6), 9-7 in a dazzling 4½-hour match.

Safin, seeded fourth and trying to regain the No. 1 ranking held briefly after winning the U.S. Open in 2000, saved one match point in overcoming the unusually jittery Federer, who hadn't dropped a set in five previous matches, including a quarterinal domination of Andre Agassi.

Federer received treatment for elbow and back pain in the fifth set, then saved six match points before Safin broke his serve with a forehand into an open court as Federer watched from his knees. Safin, reaching the final at Mel-

saim, reaching the final at Meibourne Park for the third time in four years, next meets the winner of Friday night's semifinal between second-ranked Andy Roddick and No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt.

The women's final matches seventh-seeded Serena Williams against top-ranked Lindsay Davenport. Williams fended off three match points to avenge her Wimbledon final loss to No. 4 Maria Sharapova 2-6, 7-5, 8-6, stretching her Australian Open winning streak to 13 matches.

Davenport looked lethargic after playing more than four hours Wednesday, but rallied to hold off No. 19 Nathalie Dechy of France 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

Safin vs. Federer was pure crowd-pleasing tennis between two of the game's most gifted all-around players. Every point was a struggle as they punished weak shots and swapped stinging groundstrokes and drop volleys.

"It's like a brain fight against ... Roger Federer," Safin said. "I think we played the best we could and I couldn't give any more than that"

Safin was exhausted going into last year's final — which he lost to Federer — after six matches that averaged three hours.

Demonstrating the skills that took him to No. 1 after his only Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows, he was much fresher this time — and needed to be.

"I'm not playing against just a simple player. He's No. 1 in the world," Safin said. It was his birthday on Thursday, and he planned a quiet celebration with a glass of champagne when he got back to his room in the early hours of Friday morning.

"It was one of the toughest matches of my life. I need time to recover," he said. "Five sets is a kind of lottery. Anything can hapnen"

While serving at 5-6, he mis-hit a forehand, then sent a backhand long to give Federer the first set. Frustrated, the mercurial Russian tossed his racket high in the air and missed the catch

Federer then lost his first set of the tournament, showing the first real signs of tension in 11 days. Serving at 1-1 in the second set, he smacked an overhead wide, then hit a backhand into the net for the only service break. Safin held serve the rest of the way.

Usually unflappable, Federer committed an uncharacteristic 14 errors in the set to just five for Safin. Clearly frustrated, Federer shouted at himself after missing opportunities and charged the net more frequently than usual.

As in the first set, Federer broke serve with Safin serving at 5-6 in the fourth. Safin smashed his second racket of the tournament after one error, and sent a forehand way long. The last time they met in a tie-breaker, Federer prevailed 20-18 in the Masters Cup. This time, Safin trailed 5-2 before running off the next three points. Federer made a stunning drop shot from the baseline to serve for the match at 6-5. Safin then won the next three points to force a deciding fifth set.

Federer called in trainer Paul Ness, who massaged his right forearm and elbow. Three games later, Ness returned to stretch out Federer's back as he lay on the

Federer said he felt some pain in his right arm, from the shoulder to his fingers. "It's not an injury — it's just

"It's not an injury — it's just something that was bothering me." he said.

Safin took a 4-2 lead in the deciding set as Federer committed his seventh double fault on break point. Federer got back on serve by saving two match points as Safin served 5-3, then held to get back on serve. Federer fended off another match point in the next game, another two while serving at 6-7 and a sixth at 7-8 before Safin finished it.

Davenport is healthy after a bout of bronchitis just before the

tournament, which she won in 2000 for her last Grand Slam title. But she was tight after a 2½-hour quarterfinal victory Friday that was followed by more than 1½ hours in doubles.

It showed. She finished with 48 winners and 52 enforced errors — but only 11 in the final set as she finally loosened up.

"It's been a long two days. I woke up this morning, I just felt pretty tight all over," Davenport said. "It wasn't my greatest day plaving tennis — but I'll take it."

Pistons end skid by routing Denver

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - As ugly as it was, the Detroit Pistons won a game they desperately needed

Ben Wallace had 14 points and 12 rebounds and reserve Antonio McDyess scored 13 to help Detroit end a season-high four-game losing streak with an 87-70 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

"This was important," said Chauncey Billups, who tied a season high with 10 assists. "We needed to end this slide and get the bad



our mouths." The Nuggets dropped their third straight and are 4-10

since hiring interim coach Michael Cooper, who might soon be replaced by George Karl. "I'm not worried about my sta-

tus." Cooper said. "I knew this was an interim job when I got it. I just want to make sure our team stays focused. It is distracting for the guys, but they need to let management worry about the coach and focus on playing.

Marcus Camby said the topic is a bigger deal with the media than the Nuggets.

"I don't think it's affecting the team," Camby said. "I like the coach we have now '

The Pistons trailed only once. the opening minutes, McDvess helped them put Denver away with eight straight points from late in the third quarter to early in the fourth.

Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony scored a season-low five points on 2-for-13 shooting. Denver reserve Earl Boykins

scored 14 points, and Andre Miller and Camby each scored 10. Camby, who also had 14 rebounds, returned to the lineup after missing a game with a sprained left ankle.

Carlos Arroyo scored 12 off the bench for the Pistons, Rasheed Wallace had 11 points and 11 reand Tayshaun Prince scored 12. Richard Hamilton, who missed the previous game with a bruised right thigh, had 10 points. It looked like a matchup of struggling teams for much of the night Wide-onen shots clanged off rims passes went through hands and effort was often lacking.

"It was an ugly ballgame," Camby said.

Heat 111, Raptors 96: At Toronto, Shaquille O'Neal had 33 points and 18 rebounds, and Eddie Jones added 23 points.

Jones went 8-for-11 from the field for the Heat, who have won just six of their last 12. Dwyane Wade had 16 points and 10 assists despite playing with a sore left knee and ankle

Wizards 117, 76ers 107: At Washington, Gilbert Arenas scored 33 points as the Wizards won their fourth straight.

Juan Divon scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as the



Detroit Pistons' Ben Wallace (3) drives on Denver Nuggets' Francisco Elson in the second quarter on Wednesday night.

Wizards closed with a 20-9 run to win their eighth straight at home and 11th of 13 since New Year's

Suns 121. Rucks 115: Shawn Marion scored 24 points, including 17 in the first half, Amare Stoudemire had 23, Steve Nash 21. Quentin Richardson 18 and Joe Johnson 17.

Visiting Phoenix missed four free throws in the final minute, which allowed Milwaukee to cut an eight-point deficit to 117-115 But Nash sank two free throws with 12.5 seconds left and Richardson did the same with 5.8 seconds left

Timberwolves 104, Hawks 87: At Minneapolis, Latrell Sprewell scored a season-high 32 points, including 22 in the third quarter, in the Timberwolves' fourth straight win. Wally Szczerbiak added 18 points and Fred Hoiberg scored 12. Minnesota was without coach Flip Saunders. who stayed home with the flu.

Rockets 82. Homets 77: Tracy McGrady scored 10 of his 33 points to help visiting Houston overcome a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit, and Scott Padgett's late three-pointer put the Rockets ahead for good.

Jazz 109, SuperSonics 100: At Salt Lake City, Raul Lopez had a career-high 11 assists and matched his best scoring total with 20 points, and Andrei Kir-ilenko had 12 points and five blocks in his third game back since a knee injury.

Mavericks 95, Trail Blazers 88: At Portland, Dirk Nowitzki had 24 points and 15 rebounds his sixth double-double in the last eight games - as Dallas won for the 11th time in 14 games.

Nets 113, Warriors 99: Brian Scalabrine had a career-high 29 points and 10 rebounds in a rare start, and Vince Carter had 17 points and nine assists in the visiting Nets' highest-scoring game of the season.

NBA scoreboard

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Wizards 117, 76ers 107

PHILADELPHIA — Korver 4-5 3-3 15, K.Tho-mas 7-13 3-4 17, Dalembert 1-6 3-5 5, Iguoda. la 3-9 3-4 9, Green 10-21 10-13 32, McKie 1-1 0-0 2, Williamson 3-7 3-4 9, Ke.Brown 1-1 2-2 4, Jackson 1-2 0-1 2, Salmons 4-5 2-2 12, Davis 9-0 0-0 0, Totals 35-70 29-38 107.

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HOUSTON — McGrady 13-27-4-6-33, Howard 0-2-2-2, Ming 6-13-0-2-12, Sura 1-8-3-4-5, Wes-ley 2-8-1-1, 6, Mutombo 2-2-2-2-6, Strickland 1-4-2-2-5, Barry 1-6-4-4, 6, Padgett 3-6-0-0-7, Bowen 0-0-0-0. Totals 29-76-18-23-82. Bowen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-76 18-23 82. NEW ORLEANS — Nalion 8-21 1-1 17, Rogers 2-5 0-0 4, Brown 7-14 3-3 17, Dickau 9-16 2-2 23, Smith 2-5 0-2 6, Jacobsen 2-3 1-3 5, Anders-en 2-7 1-2 5, Nachbar 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 37-8 8-13 77.

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Timberwolves 104, Hawks 87

ATLANTA — Harrington 7-17 3-4 17, Walker 7-18 1-3 15, Collier 3-4 0-0 6, J.Smith 2-6 4-5 8, Lue 5-12 3-3 13, Drobnjak 3-7 0-0 7, Anderson 1-3 1-2 3, Childress 2-4 2-2 6, Delk 4-8 1-2 12, Ekezie 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 15-21 87.

MINNESOTA — Sprewell 12-18 3-3 32, Gar-nett 8-9 1-1 17, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, Hassell 2-6 0-0 4, Carter 2-6 0-0 4, Griffin 3-7 1-2 8, Hud-son 1-5-0-0 2, Szczerbiak 9-15-0-1 18, Holberg 4-6 2-3 13, Cassell 2-5 0-0 4, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-79 7-10 104.

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Jazz 109, SuperSonics 100

SEATTLE — Lewis 4-15 4-4 15, Evans 0-2 0-0, James 0-0 0-0, Ridmour 6-14 4-5 17, Allen 10-22 3-5 27, Radmanovic 0-8 0-0, Daniels 0-10-23 3-5 27, Radmanovic 0-8 0-0, Daniels 0-10-23 5-27, Radmanovic 0-10-24, Constant 0-10-24, Cons 12. Totals 38-76 27-31 109. 18 33 26 23-100 22 25 32 30-109 Seattle Utah

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NBA calendar

Feb. 18-20 – All-Star weekend, Denver. Feb. 24 – Trading deadline, 3 p.m. EST. April 20 – Regular season ends. April 23 – Playoffs begin. June 7-10 – NBA predraft camp, Chicago. June 9 – Earliest possible NBA Finals start

June 21 — Early entry draft withdrawal

ne 23 — Latest possible NBA Finals end

June 28 — NRA draft. New York.

Limping LeBron lifts Cavaliers to victory

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - The legend of LeBron James has a new chapter - complete with a twist.

Shaking off a sprained left ankle, James returned for the final minutes of the fourth quarter to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 114-111 victory Wednesday night over the Memphis Grizzlies

James finished with 27 points, a career-high 15 assists and nine rebounds blocking out the pain over the closing 4:53 to make several big plays as the Cavaliers held off the short-handed Grizzlies.

"I had to lead my team," James said "My 80 percent can help us win. I can't be scared. I've got to be a soldier out there. James' injury appears to be serious

enough that he may miss a few games. "I know when I wake up in the morning it will be on fire," said James, already playing with a broken cheekbone, "I won't be able to walk. I'll get as much treatment as I can and just try to prepare myself to play. If I'm not able to play, I'm sure my team-

mates will step up. James expects to have more tests Thurs-

day.
When James came down on Dahntay left, more than 17,000 fans in Gund Arena went eerily silent and Cavaliers coach Paul

Silas feared the worst. "You kind of see your life flash before



The Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) is helped off the court by DeSagana Diop, left, and Scott Williams after injuring his left ankle in the fourth quarter against Memphis.

your eyes," Silas said. "I saw a whole bunch of losses coming up

Instead, the determined James, who had to be helped off the floor by teammates, came back and made sure the first-place Cavaliers didn't blow a lead while improving to an Eastern Conference-best 15-4 at home and 25-16 overall.

It looked as though James' night was over with the Cavaliers up 95-85. After fall-

ing to the floor, play continued for another 10 seconds while James rolled around pounding his hand on the court before slinging his protective face mask and headband away in disgust.

As he was helped off. James complained to officials that he had been undercut by Jones, who had earlier dunked over him on a breakaway and talked trash to Cleve-

"I had nowhere to land," said James who didn't think Jones did it intentionally. Jones wanted to make sure that James was OK and visited him following the game. The pair shook hands and spoke briefly while James iced his sore ankle near his corner locker

"Me and him are friends before anything," Jones said.

James, who coincidentally sprained his other ankle in Cleveland's 41st game a vear ago, said he didn't think the ankle was badly hurt when he first went down. By the time he left the floor, James said it felt well enough to try and walk some.

"I got to the locker room, we retaped it and I was ready to go," he said. "I wasn't 100 percent, but I was able to finish the

Drew Gooden scored 27 points — six during the 4½ minutes when James was out and had 11 rebounds and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 22 points for the Cavaliers

The Grizzlies, playing without injured center Pau Gasol and forward James Posey, were led by Mike Miller's season-high 28 points.

"We came in here kind of short-handed, and they were, too, so it's not an excuse," Miller said. "They executed better down the stretch. He [James] came back in and made some plays.

The Cavaliers, who were missing super-sub Anderson Varejao, lost starter Ira Newble in the first quarter with an Achilles' injury.

Clippers finally figure out rival Lakers

By JOHN NADEL The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers haven't had much of a rivalry over the years, because the Lakers have always been the bet-

It was the Clippers who dominated Wednesday night.

Elton Brand had 28 points and 14 rebounds. Bobby Simmons added 21 points, and the Clippers led nearly all the way in a 105-89

The Lakers had beaten the Clippers five straight times, including twice this season, and in 28 of the last 31 games. The Clippers have won only 20 of 98 games against the Lakers since moving from San Diego to Los Angeles before the 1984-85 season.

The teams now seem more evenly matched than ever.

"I hope so, man, After a while, you get tired of hearing about the second-year Clippers center Chris Kaman said.

Kaman had 14 points and career-high totals of 16 rebounds and five blocked shots in teaming with Brand to dominate the inside.

The Clinners outrebounded the Lakers 51-39 "We just got manhandled on

the boards again," said Lakers coach Rudy Tomianovich, whose team was outrebounded 48-36 by Seattle on Tuesday night.

"I think they were really ready for us because we had won the previous two games," Tomjanovich said. "They came out after us and took it to us. It was a pounding, and I'm not really happy with our response. Sometimes you've got to take your lumps."

Corey Maggette, who leads the Clippers with a 21.5-point average, returned after missing two

games because of a sore left foot and scored 16 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter. Maggette, who attended Duke.

land's star

compared playing the Lakers to a Duke-North Carolina game. "It's a rivalry game. We play in

the same arena," he said. The win was the second straight for the Clippers (20-22) following a season-high five-game

losing streak. "Our guvs have played well. even through the losing streak,' Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy "We're hopeful. We're trying

to make a push for the playoffs." Chucky Atkins led the Lakers with 17 points. Caron Butler added 16 points, Brian Cook scored 14 and Jumaine Jones had

11 points and seven rebounds. The Lakers (22-18) have lost

two straight games and are 3-3 since Kobe Bryant, the league's No. 2 scorer, severely sprained his right ankle Jan. 13.

Mediocre Celtics take Atlantic lead

BY JIMMY GOLEN The Associated Press

BOSTON - Strike up the bland: The Boston Celtics are all

alone in first place in the NRA's Atlantic Division. "If you win two in a row. you're automatically in first place in the Atlantic Division.

It's in the agreement, you know," coach Doc Rivers said Wednesday night after the Celtics beat the Indiana Pacers 100-86. "Hell, you lose two in a row and you can be in first place in the Atlantic Division.' The Celtics are leading the di-

vision at two games below .500, passing Philadelphia after the 76ers lost 117-107 to the Washington Wizards. The Celtics hadn't been in first this late in the season since Larry Bird was playing.

1990-91 season, and the Celtics were 56-26. These Celtics are 20-22.

"It's good to be on top of the division, which puts us in the No. 3 seed" for the playoffs, said Paul Pierce, who scored 23. "But even though we're in first place. we're not playing like a first-place team."

Raef LaFrentz had 12 points with 11 rebounds, Gary Payton had 10 points with nine assists and Ricky Davis scored 18 as a reserve to spoil Stephen Jackson's return from a 30-game brawl suspension.

Jackson scored 17 points in 38 minutes in his first game back since the Nov. 19 melee against Detroit, when Ron Artest went into the stands seeking a fan who threw a cup at him. Jackson fol-lowed Artest into the crowd and took several swings at fans. Jermaine O'Neal scored 25

for the Pacers.

Jackson hit the Pacers' first basket of the night - a three-pointer in the first two minutes -- and scored eight points in the first quarter. But he went 0-for-6 from three-point range in the next three quarters and scored just six points in the second half

'I felt like a kid. I'm back and I'm happy to be back," he said. "I was pumped, excited to be out there. But as the game went on, my shots fell shorter and shorter from the rim. You have

to be out there to get in shape."

Boston won its fourth consecutive home game a night after snapping a nine-game road los-ing streak. The Celtics had lost seven consecutive games to the Pacers, including a four-game sweep in the first round of last vear's playoffs.

"At times, you have to be a 'not tonight' team," Rivers said. "You say, 'If you're better than us or not, you're not going to

The Celtics went on 12-2 run at the end of the third quarter and the beginning of the fourth, taking an 82-68 lead on Jiri Welsch's three-pointer with 9:56 to play. The Pacers called a timeout and came back to score 13 of the next 15 points, making it 84-81 on Austin Croshere's second three-pointer of the run with 6:20 left.



Underachieving Nuggets hire Karl

DENVER — George Karl was hired as head coach of the Denver Nuggets on Thursday, returning to the NBA after nearly two years to take over a team that has failed to live up to lofty expectations.

The deal was finalized Thursday morning and announced in Milwaukee, where the Nuggets play the Bucks on Friday night.
Karl is expected to be on the bench for that

game, making his debut with the Nuggets against the team that fired him in 2003.

Interim coach Michael Cooper will stay on

"We are very excited to be adding a coach of copie's stature to our organization," Denver general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said in a statement. "He has won everywhere he has been and his track record speaks for itself. We also want to commend Michael for the iob he did under difficult circumstances."

Denver started the season as a favorite in the Western Conference after adding All-Star power forward Kenyon Martin to a team that was coming off its first playoff appearance in nine years

The Nuggets still haven't lived up to that potential, entering Friday's game 17-25 and 12½ games out of first place in the Northwest Division

Ref admits fixing German soccer games

FRANKFURT, Germany — A German soccer referee admitted to fixing games and said Thursday he was ready to cooperate with prosecutors to clear up the sport's biggest scandal in the country in more than 30 years.

"The accusations made against me in the public are true," referee Robert Hoyzer said in a statement issued by his lawyer.

"I regret my behavior profoundly and I excuse myself to the German soccer federation, my referee colleagues and all soccer fans," the statement said

The German soccer federation accused Hoyzer of manipulating the outcomes of at least five games in Germany's lower divisions and the German Cup after betting on them. He initially denied the charges.

"We are shocked; we never thought something like this was possible," said Volker Roth, the federation's supervisor of referees. "But there is nothing you can do against criminal

Rudi Assauer, general manager of first-division club Schalke, said, "This case is exactly what should not be happening one year before



he World Cup." Germany is hosting the

2006 World Cup.

The German soccer federation (DFB) plans to ban

betting on games by referees and will install an "early warning system" to find out when usually high sums are bet on a specific game.

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Hoyzer said he had given a "comprehensive, no-holds-barred account of everything he knew about the case and persons involved in it" to his lawyer, Stephan Holthoff-Pfoert-

The N24 television news channel said Hoyzer had implicated others and acknowledged the existence of an organized crime betting group.

According to a television channel in Berlin, TV.BERLIN, Hoyzer received a "five-digit" sum to manipulate games.

The German magazine Stern reported Wednesday that Hoyzer had regular contact with organized criminals from Croatia involved in betting. The DFB said it had also heard of such reports but had no means of verifying them.

On Wednesday, the DFB filed charges against Hoyzer with Berlin prosecutors, who are examining the case.

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Hoyzer said he was willing to testify before state prosecutors and the DFB.

BYU player accused of lying to police will transfer PROVO, Utah — Wide receiver Antwaun

Harris, accused of lying to police investigating rape allegations against other Brigham Young football players, will transfer from BYU, the school amounced.

The Garland, Texas, native had 17 receptions for 149 yards last season.

He and defensive back Billy Skinner, 19, were suspended last month after lesser charges were lodged against them related to the rape investigation. Four other players were accused of rape and were suspended by BYU for one year.

The charge against Harris of providing false information to police is a second-degree felony.

"In response to the new direction this program is taking, with an increase in both accountability and discipline." Antwan has decided to pursue his football career at another university," coach Bronco Mendenhall said Wednesday. "He has my full support."

Mets get Mientkiewicz, Red Sox get his ball

Gatti ready to defend title against Leija

NEW YORK — In a manner matching his aggressive fighting style, Arturo Gatti simply presented his plan for his upcoming title bout against Jesse James Leiia.

"I'm coming to kill — not to win, to kill," the WBC super lightweight champion said at a news conference Wednesday. "I'm going to win this fight, no doubt about it. Read my lips: No doubt about it."

Gatti is certainly known for his action-packed fights. His trilogy with Mickey Ward is touted by many as one of the best rivalries in boxing history, and he is consistently praised for the heart and courage he shows in the ring.

It's that kind of action that fans will be looking for from Saturday night's scheduled 12-round fight at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. The fight will also be telecast as part of HBO's "World Championship Boxing Series."

The 32-year-old Gatti, 38-6 with 29 knockouts, won the title in January 2004, when he decisioned Italian Gianluca Branco. He kept the crown in July with a one-punch knockout of previously unbeaten Leonard Dorin.

Leija, 38, is 47-6-2 with 18 knockouts. FBI agents raid Conte home

SAN FRANCISCO — FBI agents raided the home of alleged steroid dealer Victor Conte and seized e-mail and other records Wednesday as part of an investigation of grand jury testimony leaks in a broad sports-doping scandal, according to newspaper reports.

At least a dozen agents raided Conte's San Mateo, Calif., home before 8 a.m., and within four hours seized a computer, cellular phone and lab records belonging to the founder of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the San Francisco Chronicle and San Jose Mercury News reported on their Web sites, each citing sources they did not identify.

The search comes a month after a series of newspaper and online reports about the 2003 grand jury testimony of San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, and track star Tim Montgomery. Grand jury testimony is supposed to be secret.

According to the newspapers, agents were also looking for items involving track coaches Trevor Graham of Raleigh, N.C., and John Smith of Los Angeles. FBI agents were also trying to find records to prove that Conte leaked information to journalists.

the right thing to do to put them

in a position where they could get

Mientkiewicz came up to the

major leagues with Minnesota in

1998 and was dealt to the Red Sox

last July 31. A career .272 hitter

he slumped to a combined .238

with six homers and 35 RBIs last

"I'm not 38 years old trying to

year for the Twins and Red Sox.

hang on to a career. I feel like I've

got a lot of good years left," Mientkiewicz said. "When I got over

there, my intention was to play

every day. But under the circum-

stances. Kevin got hot. I never

quite got back in there, but I ac-

cepted my role because I knew it

would be better for the team. I

knew I could do it for three

months.

a chance to play every day."

Duke: Terps 'wanted it' more, stole road win

DUKE, FROM BACK PAGE

J.J. Redick led the Blue Devils with 20 points but also had eight turnovers, including two within seconds in the final minutes. Shelden Williams added 18

points and 14 rebounds.

"You have to take your hats off

to Maryland," said Duke guard Daniel Ewing, who was held to nine points. "We didn't match their hunger. They wanted it a little bit more, and that's why they walked out of here with a win."

Top-ranked Illinois (20-0) and No. 8 Boston College (17-0) are the only teams left without a loss.

Duke seemingly was in control early in the second half, taking a pair of eight-point leads, the final one on a layup by Lee Melchionni. Ewing set it up with a nifty touch pass off a rebound, and it was 42-34.

Caner-Medley quickly led the rally. He made two free throws, then followed with a three-pointer and a jumper to cut the margin to four. Later, he added a putback to make it 47-46, and Chris McCray gave the Terps their first lead of the second half with a layup.

That was the first of five lead changes in the final 13½ minutes. "I just think he overpowered us

a few times," Coach K said. "If there's one thing that won the game, it was that his desire to win was great. He put on a hell of a performance."

Ewing swished a three to put the Blue Devils ahead 58-54, but Caner-Medley responded with one of his own from several feet beyond the arc, with Redick right in his face. Caner-Medley had his final points from in close with 3:45 left to give Maryland a 64-60 lead, then left for good about 2 minutes later.

Redick had a steal at midcourt and was driving for a layup, with Caner-Medley racing back to try to stop it. They leaped together, and Redick's left-handed attempt never touched the rim

But Caner-Medley made it only a few steps toward the other end before falling to grab his left ankle in agony. He went to the bench, and after Shavilk Randolph tied it one final time by following up a missed free throw by Shelden Williams, Ibekwe helped the Terps win.

"I think that you have to win a game against a quality team during the year to have credibility and believing that you're a good team," Gary Williams said. "I'm not saying that because we won, I just think that those guys have maxed out incredibly well.

"I'm sure they're very proud of what they've done."

According to Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein, "the ball issue was never a factor in this trade or in this negotiating process. We had a baseball decision to make."

New York obtained Mientkiewicz one day after Carlos Delgado accepted the Florida Marlins' \$52 million, four-year offer, spurning a similar proposal from New York

"I'm honored the fact that I was probably second or third option," Mientkiewicz said. "There's things that I bring to the table that he doesn't"

With the Red Sox, Mientkiewicz was used in the postseason as a late-inning replacement for Kevin Millar, the extroverted first baseman whom Epstein called "an integral part of our

clubhouse chemistry."
"Both guys are everyday, winning first basemen in my mind,"
Epstein said. "I wish you could
combine them. But in the end, I
think to be fair to both guys it was

New York thinks Mientkiewicz will help its young infield, which includes third baseman David Wright, shortstop Jose Reyes and second baseman Kaz Matsui.

"It just makes our defense that much better," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said.

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — This much the New York Mets can count on: Doug Mientkiewicz knows how to hang onto a baseball.

The Mets acquired the former Gold Glove first baseman from the Red Sox on Wednesday for minor league first baseman Ian Bladergroen, and Mientkiewicz said he intends to loan Boston the ball he caught for the final out of the World Series.

who won the 2001 AL Gold Glove with Minnesota, said Boston asked to have the ball for one year, and he intends to comply. "There was never a fight, there

was never words exchanged. It was very cordial, and we worked something out," he said. "I want the fans to see it, and that's what both the Red Sox and I agreed on. They waited a long time to see that ball and to live it. The fact that I had it was just so we could

keep it and give it to the fans and let them see it."

Mientkiewicz said he will not receive any money under the deal and "probably" would get the ball back after a year.

"Ownership has not been resolved," Boston owner John Henry said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Mientkiewicz emphasized that

he's "doing everything they asked me to do."

"I didn't expect all of this with
the ball," he added. "Sometime in
life you think you're doing the
right thing and it doesn't turn out
that way. That's kind of what happened here. I didn't think it was
going to come out to this. Like I
said, I gave Derek Lowe the
Game 7 ball from the ALCS, and

no one seems to want that one."

He already knows what he would do if the Mets come within three outs of a World Series title.

"I'll probably ask before the ninth inning: 'What do you guys want me to do with this?' " he

BC edges Providence to remain unbeaten



Boston College's Jared Dudley drives to the basket around Providence's Ryan Gomes during the second half on Wednesday, Dudley scored 21 points to help the Eagles extend their unbeaten streak to 17 games

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Boston College Eagles believe something special is happening this season and it's not luck either

Jared Dudley scored 21 points and hit a three-pointer with 1:20 left to give Boston College the lead, and the No. 8 Eagles remained undefeated with a 78-75 victory over Providence on Wednesday night.

Boston College (17-0, 6-0 Big East) has the best record in school history in the regular season and conference play.

"It's just something about us Craig Smith, who also scored 21 points, said. "We just have a feeling we can't lose right now. We always go into each game feeling we should win."

Boston College and No. 1 Illinois are the only undefeated teams left in Division I. No. 2 Duke lost for the first time Wednesday night, falling 75-66 to

Maryland McGrath led Provi-Donnie dence (9-9, 0-5) with 17 points, matching his season high, and made five three-pointers. Leading scorer Ryan Gomes was held to 13 points on 5-for-14 shooting.

Providence has lost five straight A three-pointer by McGrath gave the Friars a 75-71 lead with 3:19 left in the game. BC's Jermaine Watson then hit a floater from the baseline to draw the Eagles within two. The teams traded turnovers before Dudley's three-pointer from the left wing put BC in front.

"He's exploded this year," Smith said of Dudley, who also led the Eagles with 12 rebounds and added six assists. "He should be a name people should be talking about. That shot shows how much poise he has, and he's willing to take big shots.



Providence's Dwight Brewington missed a three-pointer with less than a minute left, but Gomes grabbed the rebound. He whirled in the lane, but got caught in the air with two defenders on him and turned the ball over

Watson made one free throw to give BC a 77-75 lead, but missed the second to give Providence a chance with 31 seconds left DeSean White missed a jumper with 10 seconds remaining and Dudley hit a free throw two seconds later to give Boston College a three-point lead.

White said he was looking for Gomes from the moment he touched the ball.

"By the time I looked down [in the lane], there was a double [team] on him, and I had to do something," said White, who fin-ished with eight points. "So, I shot. I make that nine out of 10

After Dudley's free throw, Boston College used a foul to take some time off the clock, and McGrath's three-point attempt was off the mark as time expired.

"Our kids fought hard, but I thought BC did a better job in the last couple of minutes, taking better shots while our kids took some questionable shots," Providence coach Tim Welsh said.

Providence led 41-38 at the break. Two three-pointers by Gomes and a basket by Brewing ton, followed by a three-pointer by McGrath, gave the Friars their biggest lead of the game at 55-44 less than four minutes into the second half. A three-point play by Smith and two baskets by Sean Marshall got Boston College with in four less than two minutes later. Neither team led by more than four points in the final 12

"We didn't get in a panic or a frenzy," Watson said. "We just ex-ecuted. We didn't get nervous. We knew we were going to come back "

No. 12 Louisville 99. Marquette 52: At Louisville, Ky., Larry O'Bannon made six three-point ers and scored 30 points, both career highs, to help Louisville 7-3, 5-1 Conference USA) hand Marquette its worst-ever loss.

Todd Townsend had 17 points for Marquette (14-5, 2-4). The 47-point margin topped the previ-ous mark of 45 in a 57-12 loss to Creighton in 1940.

No. 14 Alabama 60, Auburn 55: At Auburn, Ala., Earnest Shel-ton scored 22 points and made five late three-pointers to lead Alabama to its fourth straight victory over Auburn.

The Crimson Tide (16-3, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) held on after Auburn (9-9, 0-5) had cut a 15-point deficit to one.

Northwestern 75, No. 23 Iowa 74 (OT): At Evanston, Ill., Michael Jenkins' three-pointer at the overtime buzzer hit the rim, bounced high and fell through to give Northwestern (9-9, 2-4 Big Ten) a stunning victory. The Wildcats rallied from 12 down with to go in regulation.

Northwestern's Vedran Vukusic sent it to overtime when he hit three free throws after being fouled on a three-point attempt with 13.8 seconds left. He finished with a career-high 32 points, 13 in the final two minutes of regulation.

Greg Brunner had a ca-reer-high 28 points for Iowa (14-5 2-4)

Huskies continue to climb under Romar

BY TIM KORTE The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Since he took over at Washington three years ago, coach Lorenzo Romar has regularly cited Arizona as the Pac-10 team program he most wanted to emulate

Well, just look at those rising Huskies These days, they share a remarkable resemblance to Lute Olson's Wildcats.

After breaking a five-year NCAA tournament absence last season, Washington (16-2, 6-1) is ranked No. 10 going into Thursday night's showdown at No. 11 Arizona (16-3, 6-1).

In this week's RPI ratings, the Wildcats are No. 6 and the Huskies are No. 7. It's just another area where Romar believes his program is approaching Arizona's level "Arizona has been doing what they do

for 16 or 17 years," Romar said. "I don't think we'll have to wait another 16 years. If we're able to sustain this for a few more years, then I'll be able to say, 'Yeah, we've elevated it

Washington historically wasn't a force in the Pac-10, yielding to Arizona, Stanford and UCLA. But there's no question the Huskies - a talented, unselfish squad - are contenders now.

They have their best record in 29 years, since coach Mary Harshman's team opened the 1975-76 season 17-1. The Hus66 They have great depth. and without a doubt they are the most athletic team in the conference, with us being second.

> Lute Olson Arizona coach

kies have won 18 straight at home, the

school's longest such streak in 20 years "They are playing lights out. They have great depth and without a doubt they are the most athletic team in the conference, with us being second," Olson said. "They have great quickness. We have better size It will be a good game."

Washington's lineup includes athletic guard Nate Robinson, standout shooter Tre Simmons, defensive stopper Bobby Jones and steady point guard Will Conroy. Off the bench, it's rebounder Jamaal Williams.

"Coach Romar has prepared us very well. He has given us a formula to win," Conroy said. "It's team chemistry. The set of guys we have, we really like each other. We really believe in each other.

The Huskies also have Brandon Roy, who's back after tearing a knee ligament

when Washington won the Great Alaska Shootout in November, beating current Top 25 teams Alahama Oklahoma and Utah

Arguably the team's most versatile player, Roy was a Seattle high school star who considered going straight to the NBA. Ultimately, he picked Washington over Arizo-"My dad said, 'You know if you pass on

Arizona and go to Washington, every time Arizona beats you, it's going to eat at you. So every time I play Arizona, I've got a chip on my shoulder," Roy said with a

Huskies fans weren't chuckling in recent years when talented in-state players Jamal Crawford went to Michigan, Donny Marshall to Connecticut and Luke Ridnour to Oregon. Jason Terry and Michael Dickerson played for Olson at Arizona.

Times are changing, though Four Huskies starters are from Seattle and the suburbs. In November, Romar's staff landed seven heralded recruits three key in-state players. One recruiting

service listed the class No. 4 in the country. Forward Jon Brockman from Snohomish, Wash., picked Washington over Duke, and forward Martell Webster of Seattle Prep is considered the Pac-10's top incoming recruit and No. 5 in the nation by one scouting service.

"If we had a losing season last year, we'd still have been able to get some good players but not nearly the class we have.



In his third year at Washington, Lorenzo Romar is getting his program closer to emulating Arizona. Thursday's opponent.

Romar said. "It shows we're headed in the right direction. People are starting to be-

lieve in us. Win or lose in the desert this week, the

Huskies are rising.
They've won 12 of their last 13, including three straight. Arizona is remarkably similar, winning four in a row and 13 of 14.
"Our goal wasn't to finish eighth every

year," Romar said. "Our goal was eventually to be in contention to win the Pac-10."

Just like Arizona.

STARS AND STRIPES .

T.O.'s ankle gives media something to run with

et's just hand the Super Bowl MVP award to Terrell Owens right now Even if he doesn't play a single down for the Philadelphia Eagles in the big game, he will deserve it. Even if the New England Patriots win, Owens should be the one

Remember, the media vote on these things, and his attempt to become the latest Curt Schilling, Willis Reed or Kirk Gibson creates a much-needed topic for discussion. The industry has hours of video and vards of paper to fill and the status of Owens' busted ankle is real drama, if not

Will he play or won't he The coach says bet on it.

The doctor says no The coach backs down.

The trainer says maybe Owens says he'll be there, because he has been healed spiritually.

Owens jogs at practice. Trainer says "our risk-reward is different than (the doc-

tor's) risk-reward.' The story has already been inflated to the point of bursting. By next week, football fans everywhere will recognize the Eagles trainer as a member of the family, a fixture in their living rooms. The coverage will be incessant, every day, every hour - even it it means nothing more than repeatedly replaying Wednesday's news conference

Gwen Knapp



the long snapper's second cousin who whittles Popsicle sticks into images of Paul Tagliabue. we will all be grateful. The two weeks between the conference championships and the Super Rowl require some kind of distraction, regard-

less of what the coaches like to say. And for the Eagles, the distraction may be even more valuable than a healthy Owens

They are playing a team that will be in its third Super Bowl in four years. For the Patriots, professional detachment from the hype of the game is possible. They're unlikely to be overwhelmed by the reality of it. But if the Eagles try to treat the Super Bowl like any other game, they will be deluding themselves. The tension needs to be broken, and the T.O. debate could be just the right hammer.

Several of the Eagles have already made it clear that they do not appreciate the suggestions that they need Owens to win. They are still being judged by their performance in last year's NFC title game, in which their receivers were knocked around by

Carolina's defensive backs. But the team overall is much better this year, because of the addition of Jevon Kearse on the defensive line the good health of multi-dimensional

ning back Brian



In Jacksonville, they will be feeding off use aumete's tavorite energy source — per-ceived disrespect. If they take the field the athlete's favorite energy source without T.O., after hearing and reading about him all week, they won't miss him nearly as much as most pundits believe. (The loss of tight end Chad Lewis is a more urgent problem.) If Owens does come out, they will get an

emotional lift, but the real issue will be



whether he is healthy enough to play at or close to his peak. If not, will Andy Reid have the courage to keep him on the sideline, or use him sporadically as a decoy?

That's what we get to ponder for the next 10 days, and the Patriots will surely appreciate it. The hot air in advance of the game will blow more toward the Eagles, giving the Pats room to breathe. They get to continue being Patriots, the reigning champions, excellent in all the little ways that media day doesn't begin to explain.

With two weeks between the Super Bowl and the conference championship games, T.O. can't really be like other gimpy would-be champs. The game before Schilling's Game 6 victory in the ALCS, the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees played for 5 hours, 49 minutes. The game before that, they played for 5 hours, 2 minutes. Reporters and fans barely had time to catch their breath before Schilling took the mound on an ankle leaking blood.

For the Super Bowl, there is too much time, not enough information, and barely any action. An investigative reporter might try to catch one of the coaches in a smile. but it won't make much of a story. No one likes a scoreless tie. So it's T.O. to the rescue, possibly for the Eagles, definitely for

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Cowher's vow: 'This group will get back up'

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH -- Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher isn't ready to forget about 16 victories just because of another bad playoff loss.

On Wednesday, the defiant Cowher said the Steelers' 41-27 loss to New England on Sunday will be a springboard to more successes, not a stopping point for a franchise that lost its fourth AFC championshin game at home in 11 seasons

Cowher, no doubt aware his team is being dismissed again for its inability to win a big game, said these Steelers set a high standard for his future teams with their unselfishness and ability to overcome adversity.

"Please do not allow the one game to define this season," Cowher said. "To finish 16-2, 15-1 in the regular season, and win 15 straight games is quite an achievement. The Steelers manhandled Super Bowl finalists

New England and Philadelphia on consecutive weekends during the season, but became only the second NFL team to go 15-1 and not reach the Super Bowl, joining the 1998 Minnesota Vikings.

The one-sided loss in the rematch against New England on Sunday resulted in an emotional team meeting Monday and caused at least one player, wide receiver Hines Ward, to break into tears.

"It was a very close football team, which made the hurt that much more," Cowher said. "I have always said I believe the measure of any one person or group of people should not be how many times you get knocked down, it should be how many times you

get back up.
"This group will get back up. This is not the end. In my mind, it is the beginning.

Cowher did not address the repeated failure in conference championship games or strategic points of Sunday's loss, including his much-criticized decision to kick a field goal early in the fourth quarter with the Steelers in position to close within 34-27

That move visibly deflated the largest home crowd in Steelers history and, with Pittsburgh's momentum suddenly halted, the Patriots scored the next 10 points



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"Life is full of disappointments," Cowher said Sometimes we wonder why. But ours is not to wonder why, ours is to continue to try. We will do that. The Steelers' roster is bound to change, with line

backer Kendrell Bell and wide receiver Plaxico Burress among those likely to leave as free agents. Running back Jerome Bettis hasn't decided if he will return for a 13th NFL season. But Cowher expects his assistant coaches to re-

turn — a change from a year ago, when offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey left to become Buffalo's head coach and defensive coordinator, and Tim Lewis was fired. Cowher also said Ben Roethlisberger did not

break two toes on his right foot, as the rookie said Tuesday. The quarterback might have mildly aggravated a toe injury that occurred in high school or college but does not need treatment. Cowher said

The Steelers' ability to overcome numerous injuries by having backups step in and play like starters caused Cowher to re-evaluate his previous policy that a starter shouldn't lose his job to injury. Maddox, Bell, running back Duce Staley and cornerback Chad Scott were among those who didn't return to the lineup after becoming healthy.

"I understand somebody getting frustrated by it or upset by it but, at the same time, (if) somebody comes in playing well and you're playing well as a team, I don't think you disrupt that," Cowher said.

Despite the Steelers' numerous injuries, only backup tight end Matt Cushing (wrist) and running back

Verron Haynes (knee) needed offseason surgery. Cowher, like Roethlisberger and offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt, also wants Burress back, though it seems likely he will sign elsewhere. Burress and Cowher had a long talk following Monday's

meeting.
"I think he's matured as a person, (with) his work ethic and his approach to the game," Cowher said.
"If that was the last time I talked to him, I wanted him to know how I felt."

Ravens RB Lewis gets four-month jail term

The Associated Press

Ravens running back Jamal Lewis was sentenced to four months in prison Wednesday for using a cell phone to try to set up a

cocaine deal about 4½ years ago.

The penalty, worked out with prosecutors in October, should allow Lewis to return to the Rayens well before the start of the 2005 season. At most, he might miss the opening of training camp.

He also will spend two months in a halfway house and perform 500 hours of community service following his prison term.

Lewis pleaded guilty to trying to set up the drug deal a few months after the Ravens chose him No. 5 overall in the 2000 NFL Draft. No drugs were exchanged. Prosecutors agreed to drop more serious drug conspiracy and attempted cocaine possession

"I'm truly sorry for what I did," Lewis said to U.S. District Judge Orinda Evans

Explaining the short sentence, the judge said the government didn't have a strong case and noted the only witness against Lewis was an informant with a lengthy criminal record.

Evans said she was also giving Lewis "credit for stepping up to the bar" and admitting his guilt.

The football player has until Feb. 4 to surrender to allow him

time to have a cast removed from his right ankle the judge said Lewis recently had surgery on

Evans said she will recommend that Lewis serve his time at a federal prison camp at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. If Lewis reports at the latest pos-sible date and does not get time



Lewis' sentence

off for good behavior, the earliest he would be released from the halfway house would be Aug. 4. The Ravens said the team would not be commenting on

Tollner joins Lions as offensive coordinator

ALLEN PARK, Mich. -Detroit Lions hired Ted Tollner offensive coordinator on Wednesday, reuniting him with head coach Steve Mariucci.

The 64-year-old Tollner replaces Sherman Lewis, who retired after the regular season. Tollner was offensive coordinator for San Francisco last year and quarterbacks coach for the 49ers from

Four replacements added to Pro Bowl rosters

Atlanta Falcons return specialist Allen Rossum was selected to the NFC Pro Bowl squad Wednes day as an injury replacement for Detroit's Eddie Drummond.

Miami Dolphins cornerback Patrick Surtain was added to the AFC squad, replacing injured Baltimore Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister

Pittshurgh Steelers defensive end Aaron Smith and offensive tackle Marvel Smith also were added to the AFC team on Wednesday.
Aaron Smith replaces New

York Jets defensive end John Abraham (knee), and Marvel Smith replaces Kansas City Chiefs offensive tackle Willie Roaf (ankle)

Hollywood ending: Housing developer gets a cameo



Jeff Thomason had been out of the NFL since 2002 before getting a call to replace injured Eagles tight end Chad Lewis. The 35-year-old is a project manager in training for a housing developer.

BY STEVE WILSTEIN The Associated Press

Jeff Thomason awoke Wednesday morning and shook his wife. "Hon," he said, "I had an in-

credible dream last night. "You're not dreaming," his wife, Blake, said. "It's really hap-

Most days, Thomason worked 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., sitting at his desk, talking on the phone, meeting with subcontractors, going over the thousands of details involved in building and marketing

a community of homes No one cheered him, but then again no one tackled him and he didn't have to throw any blocks. He had settled into a quieter life than he had known as a tight end in the NFL. He was learning, he "how hard it is to earn a

buck in the real world. On this day when dreams and

merged, donned a helmet in his first practice for the Super Bowl-bound Philadelphia Eagles - 11 days before the game.

He wore No. 85 and took the roster spot of his good friend and former Eagles teammate Chad Lewis, who hurt his foot on his second touchdown catch in Philadelphia's 27-10 victory Sunday over Atlanta in the NFC title game.

Lewis called on Monday, saying he wanted Thomason to play for him in the Super Bowl. After calls from other coaches and a quick workout, Thomason was an Éagle again.

He studied films Wednesday morning, ran drills in the afternoon, did interviews in between as photographers captured his incessant smile and the stars in his eves, two years after he had played the last of his 10 NFL sealywood ending for a solid, if unspectacular career he thought was over. Against all odds, a second Super Bowl ring was in his grasp. He couldn't stop beaming.

His wife, his 9-year-old daughter Taylor, his co-workers, everyone he knew was "going crazy he said, about this unexpected chance of a lifetime.

Stories said Thomason had a construction job, but he wasn't doing any heavy lifting. He didn't hammer nails, lay bricks or run a backhoe. He used his brain more than his considerable brawn. As a project manager in training for the housing developer Toll Brothers, he was a desk man who donned a hard hat only when he walked the building site.

He could've gone soft doing that kind of work, but he chose instead to stay super fit training for triathlons - for the sake of his health, his competitive juices and just in case one day a team called out of nowhere and said, hev, we need a little help.

If that call came, he was ready, having competed in a half-dozen Olympic-sized triathlons - shorter than the Ironman versions but still grueling with 1.5-kilometer swims, 40-kilometer bike rides

and 10-kilometer runs. But one season went by, then another, and he turned 35 on Dec. 30. By then, he and Blake had three children: Taylor, 3-year-old Lily, and 1-year-old Beau. Thomason had committed himself fully to a career as a real estate developer.

His office in Chesterfield, N.J. is unadorned by memorabilia from his NFL days — three years at the end with Philadelphia, five with Green Bay before that, and two at the start with Cincinnati in 1992. There are no photos on the walls of his two Super Rowl games with the Packers.

"Unless you know him well you don't know that he played football," Toll Brothers project manager Michael Assofsky says. "It's the last thing to come out of his mouth unless he's asked about it.

"He's just a humble guy, a team player. His work ethic and discipline are outstanding. Those are definitely traits that are common to his prior profession and his new one.

As badly as Thomason felt about the injury to Lewis, he leapt at the chance to make a one-game come back in the Super Bowl. He loved his new day job, but he could hardly resist suiting up one more time.

'I think I'm still floating," Thomason said before the first prac-

Life, like a football, takes funny bounces

Some great players never play in a Super Bowl. Some rather ordinary players have been lucky enough to get to one in their first season

Some work hard all year pounding and getting pounded week after a week, only to miss the big game with an injury. One man's misfortune being another's opportunity, some players slip fortuitously into the spotlight.

It happened two weeks ago to cornerback Hank Poteat, who had been taking classes at the University of Pittsburgh when he joined the New England Patriots. Out of the NFL since being released by Carolina in the preseason, Poteat took injured Ty Law's roster snot and played well as a reserve in two playoff games.

Thomason was a logical choice to fill in as a reserve for the Eagles. He played with them for three years, knew their offense and had trained under coach Andy Reid when he was an assistant to Mike Holmgren on the Packers' Super Bowl teams.

Hero, goat or bystander in this Super Bowl, Thomason does not worry or wonder why

"I'm just thrilled to have an opportunity," he said. "If I play two plays or 20 plays, I want to be in there and do whatever I can.

"The crazy thing is two weeks from today, I'll be back at a desk, thinking, 'What did I just go through?'"







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Injured Owens deserves an MVP award for helping fill a two-week void. Page 34

Duke gets dumped

Alumni-inspired Terps upset No. 2 Blue Devils

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Maryland coach Gary Williams brought in a few experts before facing second-ranked Duke.

Former stars Steve Blake Juan Divon and Laron Profit visited practice this week. giving the current Terrapins a few lessons. They talked about having fun, about believing in themselves and about giving a full effort against the undefeated Blue Devils.

"That was huge," forward Nik Caner-Medley said. "That was the hardest we practiced all year.

Caner-Medley and his teammates carried that message to the game, giving Maryland an improbable upset.

The junior had 25 points before leaving with an ankle injury, and Travis Garrison

and Ekene Ibekwe finished off the Blue Devils at the free-throw line in a 75-66 victory Wednesday night.

The Terrapins (12-5, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) lost three of their previous five games, all by at least 15 points. But they hung with Duke (15-1, 5-1) through-out and allowed only two points in the final

"I just thought they played a little bit harder than we did," Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We didn't have the attitude that we've had the entire year. This team has to have an edge all the

Ibekwe gave Maryland the lead for good with a tough layup in traffic off an inbounds play set up by Williams during a

Blue Devils had no answer.

Daniel Ewing missed badly on a three-pointer, and Garrison started a parade at the line for the Terps. Garrison was 5-for-6 in the final minute and Ibekwe was 4-for-4 to close it out.

"It was all about the players," Williams said. "We struggled a little bit this year with our identity, for whatever reason, and I'll take responsibility for it, but we do have pride in our program."

Ibekwe came off the bench for the first time this season and scored 15 points. John Gilchrist had 10 for Maryland.

"To be on a big stage like this and get the win is huge," Caner-Medley said. "My teammates had so much heart. I really was

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impressed with them."



Maryland's Chris McCray gets a slam dunk over Duke's Lee Melchionni during the second half of the Terps' upset victory Wednesday at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Highs and lows Down Under





Top-seeded Roger Federer, left, had his 26-match winning streak stopped by Marat Safin in a classic 41/2-hour match in the Autralian Open semifinals. Serena Williams, right, also played a memorable match, beating Maria Sharapova in a third-set tiebreaker. See details on Page 29.



BC escapes Providence with 17th straight win Page 33



Determined James overcomes injury to aid Cavs' win

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Five tied atop crowded leader board at Hope Page 27